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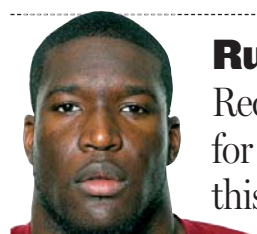


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Jaycee Lee Dugard, left, was abducted at age 11.

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Demetri Martin stars in 'Taking Woodstock,' Ang Lee's ode to the love generation.

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CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

Mass. Says Goodbye to Its Senator

DAY OF MOURNING: An honor guard carries the casket of Sen. Edward Kennedy as it arrives at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library on Thursday. Thousands turned out to pay their last respects as the body of the legislative giant was transported from his family compound in Martha's Vineyard to Boston, where he will lay in repose until Saturday's funeral at Arlington National Cemetery.

Bernanke Victim of ID Theft

Fed chairman, wife caught in nationwide scheme last year

WASHINGTON | As Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke struggled to hold the economy together last August, he was distracted by a more personal financial problem: He and his wife were victims of identity theft.

Bernanke's brush with the banking system began when a thief stole Anna Bernanke's purse from the back of her chair at a Capitol Hill Starbucks on Aug. 7, 2008, according to court documents and a source close to the Fed chief. Inside were her leather wallet, four credit cards, \$5 in cash and her checkbook, a D.C. police report said.

A week later, a \$900 check from the couple's Wachovia Bank account was deposited at a Bank of America in Hyattsville.

George Lee Reid, of the District, was charged in D.C. Superior Court with identity theft in the depositing of the check, a case that was later dismissed. But the deposit now is included in charges filed in U.S. District Court in Alexandria against Reid and nine others, part of what prosecutors say was a nationwide identity theft ring that has caused more than \$2.1 million in losses to at least 10 financial institutions.

JERRY MARKON, NEIL IRWIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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SCHEDULES

If It's Thursday, It Must Be Thieving

A New Jersey man who robbed banks on Thursdays has been sentenced to nearly six years in federal prison. Peter Bielecke pleaded guilty in June to one count of bank robbery but admitted five other holdups on consecutive Thursdays in January, February and March. He robbed banks in several cities including Brick, his hometown. He didn't give a reason for choosing Thursdays. (AP)

UNAUTHORIZED

Photog's Artistic License Revoked

It seems the only nudes allowed at New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art are the ones in the collection. Police say they arrested a 26-year-old woman who was posing naked for a photographer, and in full view of visitors, in the museum's arms and armor department on Wednesday. Model Kathleen "K.C." Neill faces a charge of public lewdness. (AP)



TINA WHITE/SNOWMASS POLICE/AP



NO WAY

Come On, That's a Human in Bear Suit!

A bear that wandered into a skateboard park and got stuck was rescued when officials lowered a ladder so it could climb out. The bear was discovered Tuesday in the Colorado town of Snowmass. It apparently was in the park all night, and couldn't get out because of the steep concrete sides. Workers from the Parks and Recreation Department lowered a long ladder. The bear eventually climbed the ladder and left the scene. (AP)

SISTERHOOD

"As the night went on, we had to drink kitty milk."

— FROM A REPORT ON THE HAZING PRACTICES OF COLORADO STATE'S ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, WHICH WAS EXPELLED FROM CAMPUS (THOUGH IT WAS ACTUALLY SOY MILK). OTHER RITUALS: STRENUOUS EXERCISE AND STARVATION.



BUTTS

Your Cheeks Will Be Burning

An Everett, Wash., man has become an Internet sensation after inventing "Winkers," jeans that appear to wink as one walks, according to the Everett Daily Herald. "Your WINK is the crease between your buttock and the top of your leg," Jones says on Winkersdesign.com. The denim creations feature eyes painted on the backside, which stare out from the wearer's rear end. Jones told the newspaper that he was struck with the idea while walking behind a woman with an attractive bottom. "It dawned on me: Those are winking at me," he said. "I got to thinking that if I put an eye there, it would wink." (EXPRESS)

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The Kennedy family, left, follows Sen. Edward Kennedy's casket into the John F. Kennedy Library on Thursday. An unidentified woman, right, holds up a sign in tribute.

Mourners Bid Farewell to Kennedy

Thousands gather in poignant procession for legendary senator

BOSTON | His life's journey ended, the body of Sen. Edward Kennedy traveled by motorcade Thursday from the family compound where he spent his last days, past the building where he opened his first office to the presidential library named for his slain brother.

Thousands of mourners assembled along the 70-mile route that was dotted with landmarks named for the Kennedys. The crowds



LINDA DAVIDSON/TP

Crowds watch in Boston on Thursday as the motorcade carrying the body of Sen. Edward Kennedy passes. The late senator will be buried in Arlington on Saturday.

“When a member of the Kennedy family passes, it's like family. It feels like family.”

—JEANNE PAGANO

gathered to bid farewell to the last of the family's brothers and mark the end of a national political chapter that was equal parts triumph and tragedy.

The motorcade started its trip in Hyannis Port, at the Cape Cod

home where Kennedy's family held a private Mass. Eighty-five Kennedy relatives traveled with the senator's body to the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, where the Senate's third-longest-serving member will lie in repose.

Before the motorcade departed, mourners crowded the end of the barricaded road leading to the family compound. Virginia Cain, 54, said she walked 2 miles so she could watch the procession and witness history.

“I can remember where I was when President Kennedy died, and I'll remember where I was when the senator left Hyannis Port,” she said.

Kennedy's wife, Vicki, put her hand over her heart as the procession rolled down Hanover Street in the North End neighborhood, past St. Stephen's Church, where his mother, Rose, was baptized and where Kennedy later eulogized her. The crowd applauded, and his niece Caroline and other family members acknowledged them with a wave from their cars.

“When a member of the Kennedy family passes, it's like family. It feels like family,” said Jeanne Pagano, 54, who was on the sidewalk outside the church. “I really loved the man and the family. I loved them.” STEVE LEBLANC (AP)

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Woman Kidnapped in '91 Is Found

Calif. couple arrested in case; woman was last seen at age 11

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. | A woman who was snatched from a bus stop as an 11-year-old child in 1991 turned up at a California police station after 18 mysterious years, and a convicted sex offender and his wife were arrested in the kidnapping.

Jaycee Lee Dugard was reunited with her mother, who was overjoyed to learn the daughter she feared dead was actually alive and well.

It was not immediately clear



Carl Probyn holds a picture of his stepdaughter, Jaycee Lee Dugard, who had been missing since 1991. A woman claiming to be Dugard has turned up in California.

how Dugard spent the 18 years since she was abducted as a blond, ponytailed child outside her South Lake Tahoe home.

Police said she recently walked into a Northern California police station with Phillip Garrido, 58, one of her alleged captors. He and his wife, Nancy Garrido, 54, were arrested for investigation of kidnapping and conspiracy on Wednesday, police said.

Phillip Garrido has a conviction for rape by force or fear and was paroled from a Nevada state prison in 1999, according to a statement from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Dugard was in good health when she came into a San Francisco Bay area police station and revealed her name.

"We're 99 percent sure it's her," said sheriff's Lt. Les Lovell of the El Dorado Sheriff's Department, who was a detective assigned to help investigate the kidnapping in 1991. DNA tests were being conducted.

Dugard's stepfather, Carl Probyn, 60, said he was overwhelmed by the news that Dugard was alive. He said for years he had done everything he could to help find her, especially because he knew suspicion in the case had fallen on him.

"It broke my marriage up. I've gone through hell, I mean I'm a suspect up until yesterday," he said. JULIET WILLIAMS (AP)



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This week we're checking in on three of our contestants, who have all been working out with the help of Gold's Gym Personal Trainers.

They have a couple more weeks to continue hitting the gym and preparing for the final challenge. Then we'll reveal all the points earned and our winner!

It seems everyone feels like they've won something already...



CELEBRATING PROGRESS

ANTHONY is working out at Gold's Gym in Fairfax Station. His personal trainer, Cameron, has helped him try a lot of different exercise techniques. At this point, Anthony is in desperate need of a trip to the tailor. He tells us he feels like he's wearing his father's suits to work. No surprise; he's lost almost 30 pounds. Way to go, Anthony!

ANTHONY SAYS: "I have started a process to change my life for the better. That, in itself, is an accomplishment worth celebrating."

FINDING YOUR SELF-ESTEEM

KIM has been working out at the Capitol Hill Gold's Gym with her trainer, Tasha. The results are really starting to sink in. Kim is able to shop in stores that she hasn't seen for some time. Her exercise regime has shown her what she can accomplish when she puts her mind to it, greatly boosting her self-esteem.

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CHALLENGERS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	% OF WEIGHT LOSS	POINTS FOR WEIGHT LOSS	TOTAL POINTS AWARDED
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MEAGHAN	175.0	173.0	1.14	3	33
ANTHONY	244.0	241.0	1.22	4	32
GREG	224.0	221.0	1.33	5	27
JAMIE	187.5	185.4	1.12	2	23

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In Brief



TONY GUTERREZ/AP FILE

A Texas state trooper investigates the scene of a bus crash on Aug. 8, 2008.

DALLAS NTSB: Driver in Crash That Killed 17 Had Used Cocaine

A drug test conducted on the driver involved in the Texas charter bus crash that killed 17 passengers last year showed evidence of recent cocaine use, according to records obtained by The Associated Press. The National Transportation Safety Board found evidence of cocaine in a urine sample from Barrett Broussard, who was at the wheel on Aug. 8, 2008, when a bus carrying 55 people slammed through a highway bridge guard rail. (AP)

OKLAHOMA CITY Police: Slain Pastor's Body Was in an Unnatural Pose

Whoever killed a pastor inside her small Oklahoma church "staged" the body, authorities said Thursday, meaning it was moved into an unnatural position. Police would not elaborate, however, on how the body of Carol Daniels was positioned inside the Christ Holy Sanctified Church in Anadarko. (AP)

HEARSAY | POLITICS

"They're for the most part — I hate to say brain-dead — but they're just looking to raise money from [insurers]."

—REP. PETE STARK, D-CALIF., CRITICIZING MODERATES IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WHO HAVE PUSHED FOR CHANGES IN THE HEALTH CARE REFORM LEGISLATION.

FTC Bans Solicitation Robocalls

Businesses will need permission to make telemarketing pitches

WASHINGTON | Americans tired of having their dinners interrupted by phone calls touting car warranties or vacation packages will soon get some relief.

The Federal Trade Commission said Thursday it is banning many types of prerecorded telemarketing solicitations, known as robocalls. Currently, consumers must specifically join a do-not-call list to avoid them. Starting Sept. 1, tele-

marketers will first need written permission from the customer to make such calls.

"American consumers have made it crystal clear that few things annoy them more than the billions of commercial telemarketing robocalls they receive every year," said Jon Leibowitz, chairman of the FTC.

Violators will face penalties of up to \$16,000 per call.

Don't expect phone solicitations to disappear completely. Calls that are not trying to sell goods and services to consumers will be exempt, such as those that provide infor-

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—JON LEIBOWITZ
FTC CHAIRMAN

mation such as flight cancellations and delivery notices.

Other calls not covered include those from politicians, charities that contact consumers directly, banks, insurers, phone compa-

nies, surveys and certain health care messages such as prescription notifications.

But the FTC said the ban should cover most robocalls, forcing marketers to turn to more expensive live calls, or ramp up efforts in direct mail, e-mail and TV ads.

People who get an unauthorized call can file complaints with the commission online or by calling 1-877-FTC-HELP.

"If consumers think they're being harassed by robocallers, they need to let us know, and we will go after them," Leibowitz said.

DEBORAH YAO (AP)

PROMONTORY, UTAH | THE FUTILE COUNTDOWN



COLIN BRALEY/AP

NO ACTION: Engineers inspect the Ares-I rocket on Thursday. A mechanical failure forced engineers to call off the first test firing of the rocket Thursday. The test was ended with just 20 seconds left on the countdown clock. The test wasn't immediately rescheduled as officials scrambled to learn the cause of the failure. The Ares rocket is the centerpiece of the plan started by President George W. Bush to send astronauts back to the moon by 2020 and then on to Mars.

Lawmaker Says Sorry for 'White Hope' Comment

OTTAWA, KAN. | A freshman Kansas congresswoman said Thursday that her remark about fellow



Jenkins

Republicans seeking a "great white hope" was not a reference to someone who could challenge President Obama.

Rep. Lynn Jenkins said she was instead making a comment about GOP leaders in the House and was trying to reassure Republicans that the party has bright leaders there.

Both she and an aide apologized Thursday if the comment offended anyone. But when she was asked about the remark, Jenkins also suggested it had been taken out of context.

"I don't know how the president got injected into this debate," she said. (AP)



SCIENCE Triple Coating From short to shaggy, nearly all the differences in dogs' coat types result from variations in just three genes, according to researchers studying how genes work together. The study, published Thursday in the journal *Science*, found that almost all the varieties of dog coats can be accounted for by combinations of genes called RSP02, FGF5 and KRT71. The findings only apply to purebred dogs. "We don't know enough about the genetics of mutts," study co-author K. Gordon Lark said. (AP)

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Over the next two months, these companies will install a wireless network at these Metrorail stations: Ballston, Bethesda, Columbia Heights, Crystal City, Dupont Circle, Farragut North, Farragut West, Federal Triangle, Foggy Bottom-GWU, Friendship Heights, Gallery Pl-Chinatown, Judiciary Square, L'Enfant Plaza, McPherson Square, Metro Center, Pentagon, Pentagon City, Rosslyn, Smithsonian and Union Station.

After the installation at those first 20 stations this fall is complete, the companies will install service at the remaining 27 underground stations. We expect to have cell phone service in all underground stations by the fall of 2010. Customers will be able to use these carrier-provided wireless services aboard trains in tunnels between stations by October 2012.

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Metro General Manager

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World

Toll Soars in Afghan War

August matches July as deadliest months for U.S. in eight years

KABUL | A roadside bomb and gunfire attack killed an American service member in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, a death that pushed August into a tie with July as the deadliest months of the eight-year war.

The death brought to 44 the number of U.S. troops who have died in Afghanistan this month with four days left in August.

More than 60,000 U.S. troops are in the country — a record number — to fight rising insurgent violence. The number of roadside bombs deployed by militants has skyrocketed, and U.S. forces have moved into new and deadlier areas this summer, in part to help secure the country's Aug. 20 presidential election.

The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan released his new counterinsurgency strategy Thursday, telling troops that the supply of militants is "effectively endless" and that U.S. and NATO forces



U.S. Marine Cpl. Russell pays his respects to Lance Cpl. Joshua Bernard in Now Zad, Afghanistan, Thursday. Bernard was mortally wounded during an ambush on Aug. 14.

need to see the country through the eyes of its villagers.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal said troops "must change the way that we think, act and operate." McChrystal hopes to install a new approach to counterinsurgency where troops will make the safety of villagers the top priority.

"An insurgency cannot be defeated by attrition; its supply

of fighters, and even leadership, is effectively endless," the new guidelines said.

When U.S. and NATO troops battle a group of 10 militants and kill two of them, the relatives of the two dead insurgents will likely join the insurgency for revenge, the guidelines say, spelling out the formula: "10 minus 2 equals 20 (or more)." JASON STRAZIUSO (AP)

German, Israeli Leaders Hold Talks

In Berlin, Merkel urges Netanyahu to pursue Mideast peace

BERLIN | With memories of the Holocaust as their backdrop, the leaders of Israel and Germany spoke Thursday about the need to keep the Jewish state safe from threats like a nuclear-armed Iran.

Chancellor Angela Merkel also underlined her country's desire to see Israel stop building




Angela Merkel, left, walks with Benjamin Netanyahu in Berlin on Thursday.

its controversial settlements, telling reporters after meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu that "time on this is short."

Turning to Iran, Merkel and Netanyahu underlined the need for Tehran to stop its nuclear program or face stiffer sanctions.

While in Germany, Netanyahu also took possession of a set of blueprints of the notorious Auschwitz death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. The German newspaper Bild obtained the plans after they surfaced in Berlin last year. MATTI FRIEDMAN (AP)



LIES Piece of Fake It's not green cheese, but it might as well be. The Dutch national museum said Thursday that one of its prized possessions, a rock supposedly brought back from the moon by U.S. astronauts, is just a piece of petrified wood. Rijksmuseum spokeswoman Xandra van Gelder said the museum will keep it anyway as a curiosity. (AP)

World



QAZI TARIQ/AP

Men carry a coffin of a security officer killed in a suicide bombing in Torkham, Pakistan, on Thursday. At least 19 security officials were killed in the checkpoint blast.

Bombing Targets Pakistani Guards

Suicide attacker kills 19 security officials at a key border crossing

PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN | A suicide bomber attacked the main border crossing for convoys ferrying supplies to U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan on Thursday, killing at least 19 security officers, officials said.

The strike will raise fears the Pakistani Taliban is regrouping and making good on its word to carry out revenge attacks following the slaying of its leader, Baitullah Mehsud, in a CIA missile strike earlier this month.

Also in the border region, two U.S. missiles hit a suspected militant compound, killing six people, the latest in a string of such attacks,

intelligence officials said.

Pakistan's lawless border with Afghanistan is a main front in the battle against al-Qaeda and the Taliban, who are destabilizing both countries. Under heavy U.S. pressure, the Pakistani military has launched ground offensives and air attacks on the insurgents in recent months, but much of the region remains under militant control.

The suicide attacker walked up to a group of border guards outside their barracks at the Torkham checkpoint in the Khyber region and detonated his explosives, local police officer Sadiq Khan said. The victims were breaking their day-long fast during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. The border had closed for the day a few hours earlier. **RIAZ KHAN (AP)**

Dalai Lama's Taiwan Trip Irks China

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | China on Thursday denounced Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou's decision to allow the Dalai Lama to visit the self-ruled island, casting a shadow over ties between Taipei and Beijing.

Ma's announcement — which followed an invitation to the Tibetan spiritual leader by officials from

Taiwan's pro-independence opposition — surprised many.

The China-friendly leader said he approved the Dalai Lama's visit because it could help ease the island's pain after the devastation of Typhoon Morakot, the storm that struck Taiwan earlier this month, killing about 670 people. **(AP)**

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A Belated Reunion in Va.

Alexandria parents reunited with adoptee after delay due to TB

Candace Litchford paced up and down the international arrivals gate at Washington Dulles International Airport on Wednesday night. She was frustrated that she hadn't been able to reach her adopted daughter's travel escort.

"Do you have the right number?" her husband, Jay Scruggs, of Alexandria, Va., asked while trying to contain the couple's 6-year-old son Ivan.

"Maybe we should try to go back there," Scruggs said, suggesting the family sneak through the customs exit doors.

A family friend quickly convinced them that that probably wasn't a good idea.

But the temptation to trespass was still strong when 4-year-old Harper Yue Ye Scruggs finally walked out of customs and into Litchford's arms. The new siblings greeted each other in kid-speak: Ivan stuck his tongue out and Harper, unable to speak English, returned the greeting.

The homecoming, months in the making, was complete.

A month after new immigration regulations barred Harper,



From left: Harper, Candace Litchford, Jay Scruggs, Ivan Scruggs, and Denise Allen, the foster parent who escorted Harper from China at Dulles airport Wednesday.

who had been receiving treatment for tuberculosis, from entering the United States, Litchford, 43, and Scruggs, 39, welcomed their tired and confused little girl home.

The couple had been forced to leave Harper in China with an American missionary for more than two weeks until a deal could be brokered to bring her here.

Harper's arrival had been delayed by federal regulations aimed at limiting the number of immigrants entering the country with tuberculosis.

In 2007, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued

new tuberculosis testing and treatment rules for immigrants older than 2. The policy applies to all immigrants, including foreign children adopted by U.S. citizens, and it outraged many adoption organizations.

The guidelines went into effect July 1 in China, turning what was supposed to be a simple trip to pick Harper up into a month-long nightmare. YAMICHE ALCINDOR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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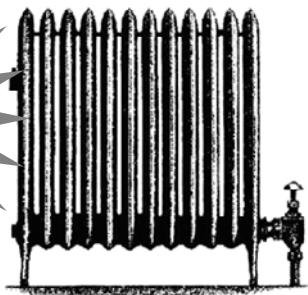
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Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	5-1-2-0
Mid-day D.C. Five	3-4-8-9-0
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	5-5-6-9-3
Daily 6 (Wed.)	1-7-12-17-39-39 (30)

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Match 5 (Wed.)	2-3-12-36-37 (39)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	4-7-14-24-26-27

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Mid-day Pick 3	4-3-6
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Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	7-7-8
Mid-day Pick 4	9-6-9-3
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-8-8-1
Mid-day Cash 5	4-5-12-16-26
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	8-14-16-19-23
Win For Life (Wed.)	2-11-13-16-17-33 (28)

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Jay Cutler will get a look at his hold team when the Bears face the Broncos.

friday

7 P.M. Former I9-game winner Fausto Carmona tries to regain his old form when the Cleveland Indians face the Baltimore Orioles. MASN2

8 P.M. Tom Brady leads the Patriots against the Redskins in the third preseason game for both teams. CBS

8 P.M. The Nats get a first-hand look at Albert Pujols and the NL-Central looking St. Louis Cardinals. MASN

saturday

4 P.M. The L.A. Dodgers, who are suddenly in a dogfight for the NL West, take on the Cincinnati Reds. Fox

7 P.M. The Nationals and Cardinals play the second-game of their three-game set. MASN

8 P.M. Two high-profile quarterbacks go at it in the preseason when Matt Ryan leads the Falcons against Philip Rivers and the Chargers. CBS
8:30 P.M. D.C. United tries to snap out of its funk against the Chicago Fire. FSC

sunday

2 P.M. While Stephen Strasburg reports to Florida, the Nats finish up their series in St. Louis. MASN

3 P.M. The best baseball game worth watching is the Little League World Series championship. ABC

8 P.M. Jay Cutler faces his old team when the Bears take on the Broncos in the preseason. NBC

Redskins' Sack Race

Haynesworth, Orakpo brought in to improve a lackluster pass rush

REDSKINS | Albert Haynesworth is not paid to give hugs. Brian Orakpo wasn't drafted for his calculated approach to the game.

In their line of work, putting opposing quarterbacks on their backs is often directly proportionate to making more money and winning more games.



In the ultimate example of no pain equaling no gain, Washington's front office spent more than \$100 million in potential salary and the No. 13 overall draft pick to pick up a pair of havoc-inducing defenders similar to those of its NFC East rivals.

While the Redskins allowed the fourth-fewest yards per game last season, their defensive statistics are somewhat deceiving, as they sacked the quarterback just 24 times in 2008 (tied for the fourth-lowest

total in the league).

If Haynesworth earns his paycheck, that will likely change this season. The Pro Bowl defensive tackle was brought in to draw double-teams and open paths for Carter, Orakpo and a cast of other defensive linemen.

"I'm just flying around a little bit more and not being so hesitant," Orakpo said. "I'm just trying to make plays as much as I can and getting my read coverages a lot quicker, and

TOP OF THE LINE

Here's a list of the Redskins' sack leaders this decade:

YEAR	PLAYER	SACKS
2008	Andre Carter	4.0
2007	Andre Carter	10.5
2006	Andre Carter	6.0
2005	Phillip Daniels	8.0
2004	Cornelius Griffin	6.0
	Shawn Springs	6.0
2003	Jessie Armstead	6.5
2002	LaVar Arrington	11.0
2001	Bruce Smith	5.0
2000	Marco Coleman	12.0

that's something that game by game will be progressing."

The Redskins' ability to get at the quarterback will be tested Friday night against the New England Patriots. The defensive starters expect to play the first half, and it's assumed Tom Brady and the other holdovers from the Patriots' 2007 record-setting offensive unit — which was shut down by the Giants' defensive line in that year's Super Bowl — should get a good amount of snaps.

"When I look at film on them and see all the different formations and the personnel group they come with ... it's definitely a great challenge," linebacker London Fletcher said. ERIC BRANDNER

COMBO DEAL

ALBERT HAYNESWORTH is likely to draw double-teams, allowing Brian Orakpo to fill the role DeMarcus Ware plays in Dallas in by creating pressure from the outside linebacker/defensive end position.



TRACK AND FIELD Talk About a Giant Leap Jamaican sprint star Usain Bolt says he wants to try a new event — the long jump. The world-record holder in the 100 and 200 meters says he thinks he could be a good long jumper some day. Bolt says he has been "messaging around" with the long jump since high school and would like to compete in the event before he retires. While he's willing to try a new event, he says he has no plans to run the 400. (AP)



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Swengali**OVEREXPOSURE** | BY MATT SWENSON

Ready to Sack NFL's Cover-Two

I'M NOT SURE who I'm more sick of hearing about: Brett Favre or Michael Vick.

In what's been the summer of Stephen Strasburg in D.C., much of the sports nation has been pondering the future of both quarterbacks. Or so that's what ESPN and every other outlet has made it seem. (The irony that this column only adds to the overexposure is not lost on this writer.)

And here we are, in the third and what experts call the most important of preseason games (talk about an oxymoron), the two light-

One is a player whose best years are behind him — and the other is Brett Favre.

ning rods will take the field.

It's terribly exciting, isn't it?

After all, one is a player whose best years were behind him years ago — and the other is Favre.

So each has a new team this year — Favre is in Minnesota and Vick landed in Philadelphia. Big deal. Lots of NFL players switch teams.

Will either play a pivotal role this season?

Vick almost surely won't. After spending more time in jail than on the field for the past two years, he'll probably be used only in select spots. And Favre's arrival is likely to disrupt any chemistry Minnesota had, just as happened with the New York Jets last season.

The season can't start soon enough. Then maybe, just maybe, we'll get to see that the NFL is more than a two-player league.

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Dark Days Ahead for NFL

Teams face blackouts unless lagging ticket sales pick up

NFL | Sold-out stadiums have been the norm in the National Football League in recent seasons, so commonplace that games blacked out on local television in the home team's market for failing to sell out have been rare.

That could change this season as some NFL franchises experience difficulty selling tickets in an uncertain economy. With the regular season set to begin in two weeks, at least four teams face potential local TV blackouts of their home games because they have not sold enough tickets, according to people involved in the league.

The NFL as a whole continues to operate successfully, thanks in large part to the league having negotiated extensions to its national television deals that pay each team about \$125 million a year. However, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and others in the sport acknowledge that the league is not immune from the country's economic problems, and they point to lagging ticket sales as evidence.

"We're still in the middle of selling" tickets, Goodell said last week. "Clubs

“Clubs are working hard at it. We recognize what our fans are going through. ... We've still got a few more good weeks of selling.”

— ROGER GOODELL, NFL COMMISSIONER

are working hard at it. We recognize what our fans are going through. There are challenges out there, but I think our clubs are responding very well. We've still got a few more good weeks of selling.”

People familiar with the situation said that teams in strong markets, such as the Washington Redskins, have had to work harder than usual in some cases but have experienced few major problems selling tickets.

But they also said that at least four franchises are in danger of having a significant number of their home games fail to sell out. Some estimated that number could be as high as eight clubs, including Jacksonville, Cincinnati, Detroit, San Diego, Oakland and San Francisco.

"If you're in a good market, you most likely did OK," said one team owner, who did not want his name used. "The NFL is still a good buy. But there are a few markets out there that aren't very good, and I think they're having some problems."

MARK MASKE (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Slumping Mystics Shoot to Rekindle Magic

In danger of missing playoffs, Washington looks for its swagger

MYSTICS | At a press conference two weeks ago, Mystics coach Julie Plank gave voice to concerns about her team's confidence and its psyche, calling it a little fragile. "We've got to get our swagger back," said Plank.

Since then, the Mystics are 2-4, and have most recently suffered back-to-back beatdowns in Seattle and Sacramento.

Add in the fact that star guard

Alana Beard is seriously slumping and slowed by an injured ankle, and, with six games left, the Mystics (13-15) seem fortunate to have even a fighting chance of achieving their oft-stated goal of making the playoffs.

In the WNBA's Eastern Conference, four of seven teams move on to the postseason. The 17-9 Indiana Fever have run away with the conference, followed by Atlanta (15-12) and Connecticut (14-13) — leaving D.C. locked in a three-way race for the final spot with the the Detroit Shock (12-14) and the Chicago Sky (also 13-15).



Alana Beard's injured ankle will be re-evaluated by team doctors on Friday.

On Sunday, the Mystics return to Verizon Center to face the 11-16 Minnesota Lynx, Plank's and point guard Lindsey Harding's old team.

Despite the woeful box scores, Plank says her team is playing with admirable intensity and heart. "They are committed to making the playoffs," she said. "The energy, the morale is very positive."

The all-important swagger, however, is gone, leaving the Mystics uptight and tentative. "If anything, they want it too much," Plank said. "They just need to relax and play." TIM FOLLOS

sports

Nats Dispatch Struggling Cubs

Team wins Wrigley Field series, is 14-11 in month of August

NATIONALS | Ryan Zimmerman hit a two-run homer and Adam Dunn added a solo shot Thursday, leading the Washington Nationals to a 5-4 victory over the reeling Chicago Cubs.

W 5
C 4

Catcher Josh Bard prevented a game-tying seventh-inning run with a superb defensive play to help the Nationals win a series at Wrigley Field for the first time since 2005.



Adam Dunn circles the bases after a home run in the third inning, his 34th.

Aramis Ramirez homered, singled twice and drove in three runs but the Cubs still lost for the seventh time in 10 games.

The Cubs have gone 6-15 since Aug. 5 to fall nine games behind St. Louis in the NL Central. Before that skid, they had won 14 of 19 and were tied for first place.

The Nationals are 20-21 under interim manager Jim Riggleman after going 26-61 for Manny Acta, who was fired last month. They are 14-11 in August.

Mike MacDougal got the final five outs for his 14th save in 15 opportunities. He got Milton Bradley to ground out to end the game with a runner on second. (AP)

United's Effort Is Questioned

Amid winless streak, D.C. isn't showing signs of desperation

UNITED | D.C. United coach Tom Soehn said his team was "unorganized" during the first half of Wednesday's CONCACAF Champions League game and that the "the amount of work we do and the effort we put forward has to be better."

The 3-1 loss to Mexico's Toluca extended D.C.'s winless streak in all competitions to eight games, but the on-field performance indicated the team isn't desperate yet.

Saturday's match in Chicago now is as close to a must-win situation as United has faced this season. Without an MLS victory since mid-July, D.C. (6-5-11) has fallen from frontrunner to the periphery of the playoff chase. The team will attempt to stop the bleeding against the league's third-best team, knowing the U.S. Open Cup final is coming up next week and that impatience both inside and outside the locker room is increasing.

"Any time you lose it's not a great feeling," Santino Quaranta said. "But I think we have enough guys here to bounce back and understand how big of a game it is on Saturday. We have to look at ourselves and understand what it takes to win games."

Meanwhile the Danny Sztela



Toluca's Diego De La Torres battles with United's Jaime Moreno, in front, Wed.

mystery is deepening. During a hectic stretch when Soehn needs the depth, he has opted not to dress the recently-signed Olympian for four straight games. D.C. used its prized allocation option to sign the talented New Jersey native, 22, who played in Italy last season. Sztela wasn't in top condition upon arrival but gutted out a brave 90 minutes in a Champions League game last month and played a reserve role in two subsequent matches. Then he fell off the map.

Soehn and GM Dave Kasper refused comment yesterday, but a club spokesperson said Sztela has been practicing and his "close" to earning his way back onto the bench. At this point, D.C. appears to need any help it can get.

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Nine-time champion Real Madrid will play AC Milan after buying Kaka from the Italians in the offseason. The group includes Marseille and FC Zurich. (AP)

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Mount Vernon Triangle's CityVista condos have attracted first-time buyers who want to live in the heart of D.C. Residents have access to the Vista Green, top left, and enjoy airy and open kitchen and living spaces.

Neighborhoods to Watch

Four regions offer bargains for rookie buyers tempted by a federal tax credit

There's nothing quite like the jingle of extra pocket change to revive shoppers' capitalist urges. For many first-time home buyers, a tempting trifecta — low interest rates, accessible price points and the \$8,000 first-time buyer federal tax credit — is pushing newbies from the sidelines and into the bullring.

"There has certainly been a surge in the under-\$500,000 market, especially with condos," says Realtor Andrea Evers of Evers & Co. (Eversco.com) in Dupont Circle. "We expect a condo frenzy in the next couple of months as people try for that [tax] credit."

Whether the tax credit will rescue the flagging housing market remains to be seen, but some

agents can't help but feel cheery watching the flood of first-time buyers jockey to outbid each other for prime real estate in the Washington area.

The tax credit expires Dec. 1. Translation? The time to hesitate is over. "Every buyer that is considering [purchasing] a home should make a move very fast," says Martina Burns, Realtor with RE/MAX Allegiance (Burke-realestate.com). "There's lots of competition out there."

Four Washington-area neighborhoods — Logan Circle/Shaw and Mt. Vernon Triangle in the District; and Fairlington/Shirlington and Centreville in Virginia — have much to offer cash-strapped first-time buyers, whether they're condo-cravers or pining for a townhouse on the range. (Maryland buyers with similar needs might consider Hyattsville, where residents enjoy close proximity to the District but a small-town vibe, historic homes

and an arts district.)

Of course, the most fab homes will be gone in a flash — but then again, so too will that \$8,000.

FAIRLINGTON/SHIRLINGTON

Nuzzled up to I-395 in Arlington County, the garden-style condos and townhouses of Fairlington-Shirlington remain popular among first-time NoVa buyers, with one-bedroom condos selling for around \$250,000.

Affordable prices there have lured first-timers such as Joy Beck, 30, who in late February closed on a two-bedroom/two-bathroom condo in the West Village of Shirlington (Condosatshirlington.com). Even after renting in the D.C. area for nearly 10 years, she hadn't given much thought to buying a place until a short sale opportunity arose that she couldn't pass up.

"The facilities are amazing — we have a huge pool, brand-new gym, a nice community center

“We expect a condo frenzy in the next couple of months as people try for that [tax] credit.”

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and it's very dog-friendly," gushes Beck, an assistant vice president/portfolio manager at M&T Bank, who happily coexists with her golden retriever/collie mix pooch Lucy.

Beck enjoys the area's close sense of community, whether mingling with her 20- and 30-something neighbors at cookouts planned by the condo association or across the street at Shirlington Village. (The shopping center has outposts of Harris Teeter, Cake Love, Capital City Brewing Company, Guapo's and more, plus three

movie theaters.)

The Fairlington Villages' World War II-era condos and townhouses are another longtime young buyer favorite. "There's almost a college campus-type atmosphere" among Fairlington Villages homeowners, says Billy Buck, president of Buck & Associates in Arlington (Buckrealtors.com). "Not only are [the condos] affordable, but they're also very attractive."

For prospective Fairlington-Shirlington buyers seeking more bang for their bucks, Long & Foster real estate agent Christine Rich (Bestarlingtonhomes.com) suggests checking out The Arlington (spread among an area bordered by S. Walter Reed Drive, S. Wakefield Street and 28th Road) where two-bedroom condos often sell for less than \$300,000.

LOGAN CIRCLE/SHAW

City-craving District buyers — who possess neither the bank accounts for Georgetown nor the patience to wait around for development to strike areas less trodden — often gravitate toward Logan Circle and adjacent blocks of Shaw. "Logan is fashionably urban, and proba-



JAY PAUL/FTWP

Shirlington residents relax at the local outpost of Busboys and Poets, which hosts open-mic poetry events, author talks and book signings, and more. The condos and townhomes of Shirlington and Fairlington have attracted many first-time buyers.

bly the most diverse crossroads of the city," says Ken Johnson, CEO of DCRealEstate.com.

After a few years of renting in the Logan Circle neighborhood, Michael Topp, 29, director of membership of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors, and Rob Linnander, 26, a health-care consultant, came to a simple conclusion: They loved the neighborhood about as much as they hated the high cost of rent. Last summer, the couple became the proud owners of a 1,000-square-foot one-bedroom-plus-den Logan Park condo at the 16-unit building at 1616 11th St. NW.

"Logan Circle is so dynamic and still changing," Topp says. "A dog park just opened across the street, and there's always something going on along 14th Street."

Prime addresses like those in Logan Circle don't come cheap. Condos in Shaw and Logan typically range from \$250,000 to \$499,000 for cozy one-bedrooms, often in new buildings that feature high-end finishes (granite counters, stainless steel appliances), elevators and on-site gyms, says D.C. Realtor Kevin J. Wood (Kevinjosephwood.com).

Evers suggests buyers interest-

ed in Logan and Shaw check out The Chastleton (Chastletondupont.com) between Dupont and Logan Circles. Because it's a co-op, prices there are a bit lower than similar condos in the area.

MT. VERNON TRIANGLE

When native Washingtonian Danai Mattison recently decided to buy her first place, she looked to the new CityVista (Cityvistadc.com) development in D.C.'s up-and-coming Mt. Vernon Triangle.

"I grew up in the suburbs of Northwest," she says. "It's exciting for me to come downtown." Mattison, 22, also works as settlement coordinator for CityVista, so she can attest that many fellow first-timers have been flocking to the project. To her, taking advantage of the tax credit to buy a City Vista pad was a "no-brainer." "It's an investment in the area," she says. "That's the benefit of the tax credit — more people can make it work who might not have been able to come to the city otherwise."

The project has breathed new life into the former void through the opening of a shiny new Safeway grocery, Busboys and Poets (1025 5th St. NW) and Fifth Street Hardware (1055 5th St. NW), plus

coming-soon retail such as a second branch of H Street NE's Taylor Gourmet Deli.

Buyers wary of downtown's concrete jungle can find refuge

There's 'almost a college campus-type atmosphere' among residents of Fairlington Villages' homes.

at Vista Green, a private one-acre park in the middle of the CityVista complex. One bedrooms at CityVista start in the \$300,000s.

CENTREVILLE

Radiating from I-66, Fairfax County exurbs award residents relatively easy access to Northern Virginia and downtown D.C., which appeals to rookies who don't mind living beyond the Beltway and want more space than a condo.

"The first-time home buyers I work with are looking in Centreville, Chantilly and Fairfax and looking in the \$200,000 to \$350,000 range. There is a lot of activity," says Jane Quill, a

broker and past president of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors.

Centreville's lower price tags — and larger floor plans — attracted Chris and Suzanna Bell, 24 and 23. This past May, the couple snagged a townhouse on short sale at Woodgate Village (Woodgatevillage.org), a 123-unit community at Stone Road and Route 29. The Bell's new digs have three bedrooms, one on each of three levels, plus an open kitchen and living room, basement-level family room and fireplace.

"It puts us right in the middle of a lot of stuff," Chris says. "It's a short hop down 29 to the Manassas business district. We're probably five minutes from a mall. We can take 66 to the Metro to get to downtown D.C." KATIE KNOROVSKY

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Quick Fixes, Big Impact

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BAD DAY? Blame your condo. That's what designer Lori Ludwick might do — especially if your pad looks like it's in dire need of some TLC.

For Ludwick, the way people's homes look and function can have an impact on everything from their temperaments to their pocket-



Ludwick

books. "I think a well-designed space influences your mood so much," says Ludwick, principle designer at Alexandria-based firm InDesign (703-582-7281, Indesignllc.net). "I want each of my spaces to reflect the owner's personality more than my own. And I want every client to want to come home to this very personal space every day."

A few years ago, when housing prices were going through the roof,

many homeowners simply fixed up their properties for the next buyers (in hopes of big returns on their investments) rather than settling in for the long haul. But as the economy prompts more owners to stay put, people are increasingly interested in creating a personal space they love. According to Ludwick, who's practiced both residential and commercial design in the D.C. area since 1994, it's as important to truly enjoy your own home as it is to add value for when it's time to move on.

And just because the emphasis these days may be more on staying put than making a profit, that doesn't mean you should stop investing in your abode. "Even if you're not selling your home, your environment impacts the way you feel about everything so much," says Ludwick. "Little improvements ... will help you live better."

We asked Ludwick for five easy fixes — all of which can be done over a weekend — to make your home a hipper, healthier place to live and appeal to future buyers down the road. BETH LUBERECKI

Try a new hue.

"A coat of paint can go a long way in freshening up your interior," Ludwick says. "Clean walls convey a clean house in good working order. Remember the ceiling; it's the fifth wall." Ludwick favors paints from **DURON** (Duron.com) and **BENJAMIN MOORE** (Benjaminmoore.com), which are both available at many stores in the area, and says there are no "awful" colors to avoid. "It's more how you use them and where."



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2 Delight in your lights.

"Remove those old brass hardware-store lighting fixtures; they're not doing anyone any favors," she says. "Replace them with a fixture matching the period of your home or a more modern fixture to add interest and improve the overall feel of the space." For modern lighting, Ludwick likes **DOMINION ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY** (Dominionelectric.com, several showrooms in the area). For period reproductions, she turns to the catalog from **REJUVENATION** (Rejuvenation.com).



3 Accent the architecture.

"Decorative moldings around the ceiling, floor, doorways or windows can give a builder-grade house a more luxurious feel," Ludwick says. "Make sure the moldings keep with the character of your home. And stay away from standard 2 1/4" moldings; bigger is better." Ludwick likes the selection of moldings available at **SMOOT LUMBER** in Alexandria (703-823-2100, Tinyurl.com/meoqsp). "You can get moldings at hardware stores, but not the variety they have at Smoot," she says. "You're going to get something more individual there, not the same things everyone else has."



4 Warm up to modern kitchen appliances.

For Ludwick, this is a way to make a big impact without much effort. Even if you're on a budget, new appliances, no matter how many bells and whistles they do or don't have, are going to be more energy efficient and function better than older ones. And in her opinion, you don't necessarily need to shell out for the stainless steel fridges or microwaves buyers on HGTV's "House Hunters" always salivate over. "A lot of people are finding stainless steel kind of cold," she says. "White is always a good classic standby, I think." Another classic: **SEARS** (Sears.com), where Ludwick finds a good selection of well-priced appliances.

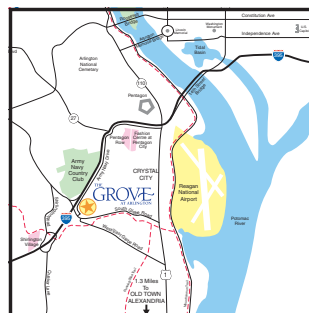


5 Toss tired fixtures.

"Switching out your old bathroom faucet with a shiny new one makes a big impact," says Ludwick. "Make sure you're matching the finish of the rest of the fixtures in the room. And because the faucet is something you touch every day, it's worth the money to spend a little more for a quality fixture." She recommends a matte chrome or nickel finish and thinks **FERGUSON ENTERPRISES** (Ferguson.com) has a great selection.



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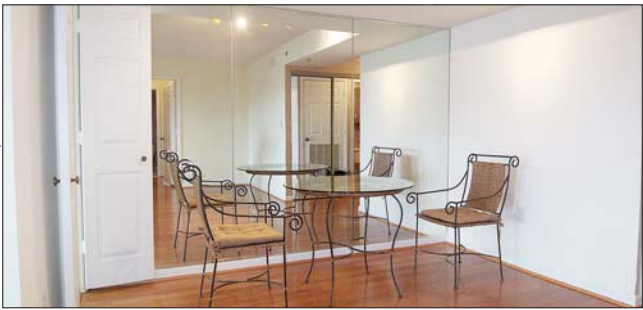


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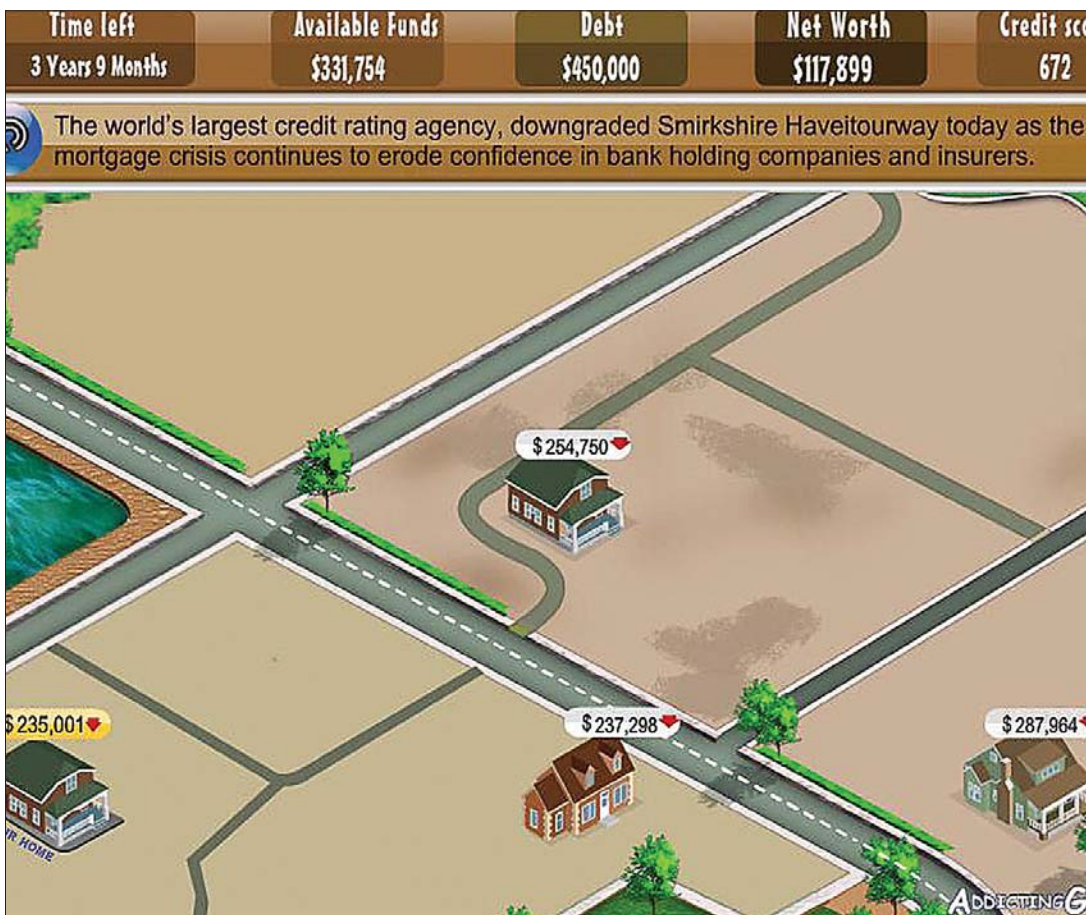
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"Mortgage Meltdown" puts players in the position of homeowners and tests whether they can survive the market's slump.

A Risky Business

A gaming Web site lets players test their luck as owners amid the housing slump

AddictingGames — the Web site that published ripped-from-the-headlines games such as "Baseball Juiced," "Trillion Dollar Bailout," "Where's the Naughty Governor?" and "Hero on the Hudson" — is tackling its riskiest project yet: turning the slump in the housing market into something fun.

The result is "Mortgage Meltdown," a Bizarro-world version of Monopoly that became available for free PC play earlier this month at Addictinggames.com/mortgagemeltdown. Instead of buying properties, your goal is to keep your head above water and wait for

Pretty much everything that can go wrong does, from troublesome tenants to earthquakes.

the economy to turn around.

Pretty much everything that can go wrong does. But if you can hang in there for four years, you might see a nice windfall at the end.

Most of AddictingGames' "NewsGames" projects are quick-hit gags that satirize current events and are designed for one or two minutes of play. But David Williams, senior vice president of

Nickelodeon's Kids and Family Games Group (which now includes AddictingGames), says "Mortgage Meltdown" is "the deepest 'News-Game' we've produced." A session lasts about 10 minutes, and it's a challenge to survive.

Few game designers would tackle such a dry topic, but Williams says, "You can turn anything into a game." The trick in pulling inspiration from the headlines is that "an event has to have legs. ... Some things we don't touch because they may become irrelevant."

AddictingGames encourages its designers to be provocative, Williams says, although some material just isn't appropriate. "We looked at the Iranian election," he says. "But it unfolded too fast, and we were uncomfortable with how it ended." LOU KESTEN (AP)



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Kalorama Triangle's Columbia Road is full of shops and restaurants that residents say give the area an Old World atmosphere.

Eclectic Avenues

Kalorama Triangle residents take pride in the neighborhood's diversity and charm

Justin Abad gazed out the window of Cashion's Eat Place, his Kalorama Triangle restaurant, savoring a view that sums up why he loves this neighborhood.

There's the eclectic mix of restaurants, offering Peruvian chicken, fresh nigiri or fine champagne within a single city block. There's the row of century-old storefronts, preserved in the neighborhood's historic district. Most important, there's the lively and diverse mix of residents that drew Abad to the neighborhood several years ago.

"I just look outside and smile," says Abad, who bought Cashion's with two business partners in 2007 after starting there as a 19-year-old waiter in 2002. "The diversity of the people — culturally, racially and socioeconomically, even politically — is just really interesting. It's a mix that

doesn't exist in many places, and it makes the neighborhood feel very real."

Residents say that diversity, plus a rich history and strong neighborhood involvement, defines Kalorama Triangle, a neighborhood bordered by Connecticut Avenue, Calvert Street and Columbia Road.

The neighborhood's historic architecture and friendly residents attracted Mary Belcher, 57, an artist, in the early 1970s. The same characteristics persuaded her to stay for good, and she bought a co-op apartment on Mintwood Place in 1990.

"I think the age of the neighborhood gives it a certain quality," Belcher said. "You don't have these large apartment buildings that block the sky. Buildings here tend to be four, five or six stories, which breaks up the neighborhood to a more human scale."

In addition, the neighborhood boasts several public parks, most of which are maintained by residents. The Kalorama Citizens Association has set up a nonprofit

“People look out for each other, whether it's saying hello on the street or picking up trash.”

corporation to plant new trees, install park benches and make other improvements at Kalorama Park, which includes a community garden where residents can tend individual plots.

Also, there's the Biltmore Triangle Garden at Biltmore and 20th streets, which is "just a triangle in the middle of the street, but it's a lovely little garden," Belcher said.

"Kalorama Triangle has great green space," Belcher said. "It has almost an Old World feeling to it."

Abad said the buildings on Kalorama Triangle's commercial strip also contribute to that Old World feeling, with the charm of the architecture echoing the character of the businesses themselves.



Real estate in Kalorama Triangle doesn't come cheap. Condos and co-ops in historic buildings can sell for more than \$1 million.

Kalorama Triangle boasts several public parks, most of which are maintained by residents themselves.

on the street or picking up trash off of people's lawns. I think it's very rare to come into an urban setting and see that."

In fact, Abad said the neighborhood's residents have helped Cashion's and other neighborhood businesses weather the economic storm by continuing to patronize them, despite the downturn.

"Many of my colleagues have told me they're really struggling

right now," Abad said. "We feel very comfortable, all things considered, and I think that's because of this neighborhood. The residents here have really taken care of us and shown us their support."

When residents do bicker, Belcher said, it's not a symptom of internal strife so much as a passion about the neighborhood's future. That passion was on full display recently at a hearing about construction in Kalorama Park, Belcher said.

"Seeing people battling it out over what should happen in a park is a good thing," Belcher said. "There's a lot of community engagement. We may have disagreements, but it's natural to want to take care of the place you live. And we usually come out with a good result."

AMY REININK (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Belcher, an amateur historian, said being surrounded by historic architecture has inspired her to look into the area's past. She said she's working with Howard University to research the neighborhood's African American history, including the presence of a large slave-holding estate that once defined that section of the city.

"The research is really interesting when you're part of the place," Belcher said.

She said residents don't have to sacrifice convenience for that historic vibe, with Safeway and Harris Teeter, scores of restaurants on Columbia Road, and multiple public transportation outlets within walking distance.

Easy access to transit is a particularly good thing, considering parking in the neighborhood is "virtually impossible," Belcher said.

The neighborhood can be pricey. All three single-family houses that sold in the past year went for more than \$1 million, according to Richard Oder of Long & Foster Real Estate. Prices for condos and co-ops in the neighborhood's historic buildings can be just as steep, with one selling for almost \$1.6 million in the past year.

Iris Rosa, 28, a bartender downtown, said she compensates for high housing costs and

a lack of parking spots by putting the money she would spend on a car payment and auto insurance toward rent. She said the neighborhood is worth the price.

"It's far enough from the Adams Morgan riffraff to be nice and quiet, but everything's within walking distance," she said.

Not all residents agree that the neighborhood is unaffected by nightlife on Adams Morgan's commercial strip, which abuts Kalorama Triangle. Abad said his sole complaint about living and working in Kalorama Triangle is the invasion of "younger people who do not live here who drink irresponsibly" late on Friday and Saturday nights.

"They leave a mess, as far as I'm concerned — empty beer bottles here, loud screaming there," Abad said. "Some people who come to Adams Morgan for the nightlife fail to realize there are people who live here, and who are proud of where they live."

Abad said that while outsiders can cause headaches for residents, conflicts among residents are few.

"In any neighborhood, there's going to be conflict," Abad said. "But for the most part, it is incredibly tightknit. People look out for each other, whether it's saying hello

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Cozy Up to Autumn

This season's trends in decorating include anything from folksy furniture to exotic art

Perhaps the biggest theme in home decorating going into fall is comfortable, real, personalized style. "The perfect-home look is over," says Deborah Needleman, former

editor-in-chief of Domino magazine. "It is so not of this moment. We're living in a freer time in terms of design and style. You can simultaneously love modern design, rustic pottery, some piece you picked up on the side of the street — all these things can live happily together in your home." Where fashion goes, home décor is never far behind. And this

fall, home retailers continue to take cues from decades past, such as '60s and '70s styles ranging from loose and relaxed to sophisticated and worldly. Watch for country-style furniture, cottage print textiles, farm animal motifs, quilts as wall hangings and throws, folk art and faux general-store signage as wall art, flour-sack pillow covers, baskets



A painted dowry chest by Wisteria, right, completes a country-style bedroom.

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and hooked rugs.

This isn't throwback décor, with armies of ducks marching across the kitchen wallpaper or plaid ribbons festooning every chair; the vibe is comfortable yet contemporary. The floral prints are updated, and graphic patterns are bold.

Americana is big. You'll see the flag and other patriotic symbols rendered in faux-vintage painted wood, distressed cotton and painted tin. The colors of the warmer months take on a deeper tone, so lilac becomes plum, and sunny yellow is now ochre. Burnt orange and deep crimson remain important hues.

If there's such a thing as American Boho, then its sister must be Global Boho: Russian folk prints, needlepoint rugs, Moorish motifs, hammered silver Thai vases and exotic Asian furniture.

HomeGoods has been touring the East Coast this summer with a mobile home full of style ideas. They recently set it up in Manhattan; Needleman was on hand, admiring colorful silk pillows, faux croc trays, and other luxurious yet affordable furnishings. She's teamed with the retailer on a fun

"Stylescope" — an online quiz that helps you define your style. Hers, she says, is Bohemian Classic.

"A Bohemian look is a reflection of its owner's particular tastes and interests, and also I think, an appreciation of the best of what other cultures have to offer," she says.

This isn't throwback decor; the season's vibe is comfortable yet contemporary.

Textures are prominent this fall: faux reptile, suede and hammered tin. Crate & Barrel has several embroidered floral rugs and pillows worth considering, as well as slubby cotton curtains reminiscent of bark cloth.

The '70s were also mad for all things Mexican; now we see beautiful Mexican-style ceramics showing up in decorative items.

Finding a few beautiful, affordable things that will make a home comfortable is what modern decorating is all about. And this season, the style range is as wide as it's ever been. KIM COOK (AP)



ISTOCK

Funky track lighting could be an alternative to freestanding lamps in the bedroom.

'Green' Fabrics To Carpeting

Advice on installing shelves, rehabbing a gloomy bathroom and lighting a bedroom

Post Home section staffers **JURA KONCIUS** and **TERRI SAPIENZA** offer advice on your decorating dilemmas

I have a lighting question. We are building an addition to our house and I'm not getting a lot of design help. Our bedroom will be 15-feet-by-15-feet, and we plan on installing a fan/light in the center of the room. But I have a feeling I'll need to install more, perhaps against the wall where the bed is, so we have reading light. I have the opportunity to install wiring, so what would you suggest: track lighting or sconces?

I'm not a fan of track lighting and don't like the idea of sconces in the bedroom. I also go back and forth on whether I like this option, but if you don't like lamps you could always have small, swing arms lamps installed on the wall beside each side of the bed. They would be perfect for reading, and there would be no cords to deal with.

Yesterday, I was shopping in a national furniture store and asked whether they carried "green" furniture. I asked about sustainable woods and fabric with less chemicals. The salesperson could not understand my interest in furniture that has a minimal impact on the environment. Can you recommend any manufacturers of quality furniture that use sustainable hardwoods and good fabric?

I think Lee Industries has an eco-friendly line, and many retailers carry their lines. You should take a look at the offerings at Red Barn Mercantile in Alexandria, Va (Redbarnmercantile.com). They carry eco-friendly lines and the owner, Amy Rutherford, is super nice and extremely knowledgeable and helpful.

The condo I just bought has a tiny, no-window bathroom with a black sink and toilet (seriously!), gray floor tiles and tan/brown/gray tiles around the tub. Ugh! I can't afford to re-do the bathroom right now, so do you have any suggestions on how to paint it so it's not so dungeon-like?

Could you at the very least swap out the toilet and sink for white ones? I think that would help your situation a lot. From there, you could paint the walls a pale gray or almost anything, because the tiles sound like they are neutral enough to go with lots of colors.

I live in an old house (1918) and want to put up some small shelves on my plaster walls. The shelves are relatively simple and will be holding some decorative items and pictures; nothing super-heavy. What's the best way to attach the shelves to the wall?

Hanging things on plaster can be tricky, and you'll definitely want to use anchors, especially since the shelving will be carrying extra weight. There are special anchors for plaster walls, but I think you should first consult a professional at a hardware store. He or she will be able to tell you which anchors and screws would be best. I would bring your shelf along with you, if you can, and at the very least, know how much it weighs.

My husband and I are looking to purchase an inexpensive area rug for our master bedroom. A friend

said we should consider purchasing a carpet remnant rather than an area rug. Can you recommend a carpet store in the Washington area that offers a wide selection of carpet remnants for sale?

A carpet remnant is a great way to save money on a nice area rug. Check out Georgetown Carpet (in Georgetown and Bethesda) and Carpet Palace, which is also in Bethesda.

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Jennifer Weiner
NOVELIST, ANTI-FASHIONISTA

It's been eight years since Jennifer Weiner debuted her first plucky, plus-sized heroine in the chick-lit classic "Good in Bed." Now the Philadelphia-based writer merges mystery and humor in her eighth tome, "Best Friends Forever" (\$27, Atria), about two old friends facing their high-school demons.

"Best Friends Forever" begins with an element of suspense, which seems different than your other novels. It is definitely a departure for me, at least to start with. You're always thinking about what will get the reader hooked. What could be more interesting than watching a crime get committed?

What made you want to write something with a mystery angle? I always want to push myself as a writer. You never want to end up with, "Yawn, here we go again." But at its core, this is still a book about friendship — sort of a Thelma and Louise tale, but if they didn't have to drive into the Grand Canyon at the end.

So your longtime fans will still find something familiar. Definitely. Trying to change the kind of writer that you are is kind of like changing your blood type. I don't think I could if I wanted to.

Your books often feature realistic women. Do you think that's appealing to readers? I hope that I write stories where women can recognize themselves: their own voices, their own issues, their own figures. I grew up on the Judith Krantz-Jackie Collins diet. God love them, they can both spin a yarn, but there was never, ever anyone who was remotely chunky. I'll never forget in "Scru-

ples," the character goes to Paris and loses 80 pounds! Even as a child, I sensed that trip was not in my future.

Do you mind that you're known as a champion of full-figured women? Not at all. I just wish there were

"We're living in a culture where even reality shows only cast thin, pretty people, which is funny."

more people doing it. We're living in a culture where even reality shows only cast thin, pretty people, which is funny to me.

In your books, the pretty girl doesn't always live happily ever after. She sometimes gets her due. I hate the idea that the fat girl is miserable and the thin girl is happy. I want to unpack those shorthands; in real life, that's just not true.

Since your first book, you've married and had kids. How do these life changes affect your writing? It's given me just a ton more material. Marriage, being a mother and having in-laws give you a lot of write about. I look at "Good in Bed," which I wrote when I was 28, just after I'd been dumped, and it's very much about my issues then.

Some of your books, like "In Her Shoes," have a strong fashion element. Is that an interest of yours? No. I regard clothes as the thing that keeps me from being naked. I'd never say "Let's go shopping!" unless my kid threw up on my shirt. Any book that has that fashion element, you can be assured that I did a lot of research for it.

BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)

EVENT HORIZON

Show neighborhood pride (even if it's not your 'hood) at the third annual Columbia Heights Day (Sat., 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Columbiaheightsday.org). Music by local bands, kids' activities and a cupcake-eating contest highlight the day's event lineup at Harriet Tubman Elementary School (11th and Kenyon streets NW); grown-ups can partake in all-day happy-hour specials at area eateries.

2 Sounds Dandy

THE AGE-OLD STRUGGLE between looking natty and listening to your favorite songs by The National is finally over, thanks to Thomas Pink's new Commuter Tie (\$100, Thomas Pink, 1127 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-223-5390; Thomaspink.com). The somewhat-skinny silk number boasts a hidden pocket that holds an iPod Nano plus a loop to keep headphone wires in line. The cravat comes in a range of bright colors, meaning all the guys in your band — or Hill office — can wear a different shade.

4 Take a Swipe

IT'S THAT FUNNY time of year when, on Mondays (post weekends at the beach), our skin looks fresh and bronzed, but by Friday (after slaving in a cubicle all week), we're getting pretty sallow. Napoleon Perdis' new Cheek to Chic blush palette (\$28, Ulta.com) holds two pretty, pinky hues, allowing you to customize for a lighter glow (for when your dermis already has color) or a brighter one (for days when the only light you've seen lately is fluorescent).

1 Hit the Peach

IN HANDBAG CIRCLES (yes, we're a die-hard member), New York line Bulga gets high praise for slouchy leather totes that are amazingly big — but not big on gaudy bling. The company's newest carryalls recently showed up at Columbia Heights' Simplysoles (1438 Park Road NW; 202-232-0072; Simplysoles.com), including the apricot-hued Bertha (shown, \$540). We're already imagining all the crap we'll fit in it: gym sneakers, work files, the heavy September issues of our favorite fash mags, a small child....

3 Condimental Drift

IN EUROPE — WHERE WE'D be spending August if we had a trust fund, not a fundage shortage — mustard and truffles rank among the foodstuffs worth the flight. Fungus Among Us' new spread (\$17, Fungusamongus.com) marries the two magical substances. Sure, the jar is tiny and spendy, but a bit of the 'shroomy delicacy goes a long way on the hot dog you munch while bitterly "enjoying" your "staycation."

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

As a high school girl, I need a comfortable, yet stylish, pair of flats for the fall. I am willing to pay about \$100, as long as the shoes are worth it! I love soft leather and bright jewel tones, but I also like funky patterns. I need to be able to wear this shoe with a variety of outfits. Can you help? —KATE

■ Manolo says, how well the Manolo remembers his own days as the scholarship student at Our Lady of the Flaming Spleen Country Day School, where the teaching sisters every day lived up to the motto, "The Wrathful Word Turneth Away Evil."



Naturally, the Manolo stood out among the other children for his keen fashion sense, extreme poverty and homemade patent squirrel-leather shoes, although these things often made him the target of bullies.

But, genius must eventually be acknowledged, and the Manolo's moment arrived when Sister Imaculada Lopez selected him to provide costuming for her ground-breaking production of "Uncle Vanya." At the end, everyone agreed that Eduardo Castro's interpretation of Serebryakov had been greatly enhanced by his metallic, feathered headdress.

Look! Here is the Leve from Jessica Simpson (\$59, Zappos.com), the cute and inexpensive ballerina-type flat available in the variety of colors. The Manolo is especially partial to the eggplant.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

Grab Bag

Zoo's Coming to the Party

KIDS' BIRTHDAY-BASH THEMES tend to run a grossly commercial gamut from Disney Princess Palooza to Sponge Bob Gone Wild. Party Animals — Tag's new line of ceramic place card holders (shown, \$10 for 4), cocktail napkins and cake-candle holders (\$22 for 8) — depict whimsical, colorful creatures like dinosaurs, whales and giraffes. None of them has any TV or movie tie-in. A kingdom of the stuff just galloped into Hill's Kitchen (713 D St. SE; 202-543-1997).



lookout drinks

drink pink

Say bye-bye to sweet blush wines and invite a crisp, dry rosé to your next soirée



GETTY IMAGES

At Loudoun County's Bluemont Vineyard, some tasting-room visitors balk when

offered a sample of the winery's Donkey Rosé. "People say, 'no thanks, I don't like sweet wines,'" says winemaker/owner Bob Rupy. "But I like to twist arms with this. They see the color and think white zinfandel, but in reality, they're usually pleasantly surprised to learn that this rosé is dry."

Thanks to homegrown vintners like Rupy — and well-traveled Americans who have gulped the peachy-hued wines in France, Italy and Spain — there's been a rosé revolution in the U.S. "There's more internationalism in drinking, and more people have tasted the European style," says Seattle-based beverage expert A.J. Rathbun, who even includes a couple of rosé drinks in his new book, "Wine Cocktails" (\$13, Harvard Common Press) "We're moving beyond the 1970s, when California vintners were making sweet blush wines."

At city restaurants and on suburban patios, it's now hip to sip pink, particularly in the warmer months. Add the fact that dry rosé is relatively inexpensive and tasty with many foods, and you may have your signature party drink until the first frost.

"Rosé is refreshing on hot evenings," says Tyler Coleman, who blogs about grape issues at Drvino.com. "It has a little more substance and body than a white, which means it's crisp and food-friendly."

Rosé's bracing-yet-fruity appeal stems from how it's made. "There are no pink grapes," says Coleman. "Rosé actually comes from red grapes. Red wines come from crushing grapes and leaving the skins in contact with the juice. If you just leave the juice in contact with the skin for a short time, you get pink wine."

Rosé can come from any red-wine grape or a blend. "The Donkey is made from nine different grapes," says Rupy. "It's our wine stew." Not surprisingly, this method "means rosé is a good crossover wine for people who don't like white wine," says Elli Benchimol, director of wine and spirits at Zola Wine & Kitchen (505 9th St. NW; 202-639-9463) and Potenza (1430 H St. NW; 202-638-4444).

Keeping with Potenza's Italian menu, Benchimol's been selling lots of that country's rosatos at the



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Taste Test



CHATEAU MONTAUD ROSÉ 2008

Crisp and light, this classic Provencal quaff smacks of melons and strawberries. If you can't gulp it watching the sun set in Avignon, try it with a cheese plate. (\$11, Whole Foods)



MULDERBOSCH ROSÉ 2008

Cabernet sauvignon grapes pump this South African up to 13.5 percent alcohol, high for a rosé. A bit flat in taste, it also gave our tester a bit of headache. Not our top choice. (\$13, Total Wine)



VERAMAR PINK CHICKEN 2008

The surprise fave in our rosé rodeo? This outlier from Clarke County, Va., which tastes of pomegranate and went swell with crab cakes. (\$18, Vermar.com or purchase at winery — see sidebar)



TRES OJOS ROSADO 2008

In Spain, where this ruby-colored bottle was born, folks serve their rosado with garlic shrimp or a roasted pepper salad. Emulate them! But beware: This stuff is bone dry. (\$11, Whole Foods)



DI LEONARDO UH? ROSÉ 2008

A cherry nose and pleasant grapefruity notes mean this rosato is sippable on its own; it's also fruity enough to stand up to charcuterie or fries. (\$13, Potenza Wine, 1430 H St. NW; 202-638-4444)

trattoria's adjacent wine shop. The wines range from ruby-hued and medium-bodied to light and effervescent.

Look for other bottles from Mediterranean countries with rosé traditions — France (top producers include Tavel and Bandol) and Spain, where rosados tend to come from the Rioja region. New World producers include South Africa and Argentina, which is winning converts with rich, Malbec varieties.

In America, "increased demand is making it more popular to make rosés," says Coleman. The gold, er, pink standard? California's Bonny Doon Vin Gris de Cigare (about \$9 a bottle at Whole Foods or Wine.com). And dozens of Virginia's 140-plus vineyards are getting in on the (dry) blush crush, too (see sidebar).

The variety of climates and grapes that go into rosé production means there's no one taste

rosé squirt



MELISSA PUNCH

Pink wine can even headline in cocktails, like this bubbly beaut.

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6 oz. dry rosé
Chilled club soda
2 Maraschino cherries

FILL TWO HIGHBALL GLASSES three-quarters full with ice cubes. Add 1 oz. Maraschino liqueur and 3 oz. rosé to each glass. Stir. Fill each glass almost to the top with club soda. Stir again, briefly. Garnish with a cherry.

COURTESY "WINE COCKTAILS" BY A.J. RATHBUN (\$13, HARVARD COMMON PRESS)

you'll get from a quaff. "You can achieve so many different styles," says Rupy. Watch for elements like cherries and berries, citrus like grapefruit and undertones of spice.

One of the most intoxicating things about rosé? "It's really versatile with food," says Benchimol. "I love it with heavy fishes or roasted meats, and its zippiness tends to calm down spicy foods like salsas and Asian fare. As a rule of thumb, it works with anything you'd serve beer with." Other culinary matches: cheeses, particularly goat ones, and even a slice of pizza, provided it's not too heavy on the tomato sauce.

Because they don't take long to produce (or use a vineyard's best grapes), rosés also tend to be inexpensive. "You'll have a hard time paying more than \$20 to \$22 a bottle," says Benchimol.

A wine that's delicious, food-loving and cheap? We'll raise our glass to that.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



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Virginia's Rosé Trail

1

Bluemont Vineyard

18755 FOGGY BOTTOM ROAD, BLUEMONT, VA.; 540-554-8439; BLUEMONTVINEYARD.COM; TASTINGS FRI.-SUN. AND HOLIDAYS 11 A.M.-6 P.M.

In a window-filled structure overlooking a mountain valley (pictured above), this bucolic Loudoun County spot pours medium-bodied Donkey Rosé. After a tasting, order a glass and enjoy stellar views from the deck or balcony. On weekends, there's live music.

2

Chrysalis Vineyards

23876 CHAMPE FORD ROAD, MIDDLEBURG, VA.; 540-687-8222; CHRYSALISWINE.COM; TASTINGS DAILY 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

One of Loudoun County's most-established wineries concocts two pinks: full-bodied Mariposa and fruity Sarah's Patio Red. Both are pressed from Norton, a native grape. A picnic area outside the neo-Victorian tasting room boast grills, so BYOB (bratwurst, that is).

Dozens of Virginia's 140-plus wineries make rosés, including these four within an hour or so of D.C.

3

Swedenburg Estate Vineyard

23595 WINERY LANE, MIDDLEBURG, VA.; 540-687-5219; SWEDENBURGWINES.COM; TASTINGS SAT.-SUN. AND HOLIDAYS 11 A.M.-5 P.M.

The dry, herby C'est La Vie rosé here tastes as good — or better — than some you'll find in France. That's no fluke: the founders of this small winery spent time in Paris with the foreign service. Guitarist Boo Snider performs on Labor Day, Sept. 6.

4

Veramar Vineyard

905 QUARRY ROAD, BERRYVILLE, VA.; 540-955-5510; VERAMAR.COM; TASTINGS DAILY NOON-5 P.M.

Tucked away on a country road not far from the West Virginia line, this picturesque spot crafts Pink Chicken rosé (see Taste Test). Outside the convivial Italian-decor tasting room, a grassy picnic area by a pond invites sipping and sunning.

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Catch local rockers These United States at the Black Cat on Saturday.

FRIDAY

From recording with KRS-One to touring Brazil, Mello-D and the Rados (listen) have been expanding exposure to D.C. hip-hop for years, but the group continues to bring it back to the small spaces off of U Street. Check them out at **EXPO** tonight and get double the live hip-hop band flavor, as they share the stage with Baltimore's Soul Cannon.

SATURDAY

Someone should remind Jesse Elliott that it's 2009 and not 1966. Actually, scratch that. Let the frontman of local rockers These United States keep up his prolific recording pace of yesteryear. Saturday's show at the **BLACK CAT** marks the release of "Everything Touches Everything." TUS's live shows regularly take on a hootenanny feel, and that should especially be the case at tonight's celebration.

SUNDAY

A lot of times we'll get a press release from a band whose sound is described as "impossible to categorize." This is accurate approximately 0.2 percent of the time. Richmond's ILAD may not fall into that 0.2 percent, but they come a whole lot closer than most, and they at least had the decent taste not to claim they were beyond categorization. Catch them at **GALAXY HUT** Sunday night.



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WISH GRANTED: Martin stars as Elliot Teichberg, the man who gave hippies from all over the nation a locale at which to party and make thousands of peace signs.

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Ang Lee's 'Taking Woodstock' skips the substance in favor of an overly light tone

FILM | They aren't words you hear very often: an Ang Lee comedy.

He hasn't made one since he directed "The Wedding Banquet" and "Eat Drink Man Woman" in 1993 and 1994. And so, on the heels of the emotionally heavy "Brokeback Mountain" and "Lust, Caution," Lee lightens up with "Taking Woodstock" — and the result is too lightweight.

He approaches the fabled three-day concert from an outsider's angle, which is admirably innovative; truly, the significance and influence of Woodstock have been chronicled ad nauseam, especial-



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FEEL THE LOVE: Kelli Garner, Demetri Martin and Paul Dano share a cozy moment.

'TAKING WOODSTOCK'

→ **DIRECTOR:** Ang Lee

→ **STARS:** Demetri Martin, Imelda Staunton, Henry Goodman

→ **IN A NUTSHELL:** A young man (Martin) hosts a music festival at his parents' rundown Catskills motel.

→ **FOR FANS OF:** "The Wedding Banquet," "Woodstock"

ly lately with its 40th anniversary having just passed. But in telling the story of the people who inadvertently launched the event, Lee leaves out the substance.

Rather, he ambles amiably among these motley figures, with civic leader Elliot Teichberg (comic Demetri Martin) at the center.

Elliot, a New York City interior designer, happens to have moved back home with his Russian immigrant parents (Henry Goodman and Imelda Staunton) to help them salvage their run-down Catskills motel. An arts and music festival in a neighboring town happens to have lost its permit. As president of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce, Elliot thinks it would boost the economy to play host instead.

There's no real sense of the music in the film, which is a bold step — then again, the performances have been so famously documented elsewhere, namely in the 1970 concert film "Woodstock," it was probably wise of Lee to avoid trying to recreate them. But "Taking Woodstock" also leaves you feeling that something is missing. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

LINEUP Get Ready for This Jelly Beyoncé is set to give a dreamy performance at the MTV Video Music Awards. MTV announced Thursday that the superstar singer will sing her latest hit, "Sweet Dreams," at the Sept. 13 event. Beyoncé is nominated for nine trophies, tying Lady Gaga for the most nominations. Rapper Wale is also set to perform with the band UCB as the official "house band" of the VMAs. Among the performers already announced are Jay-Z, Green Day, Taylor Swift and Lady Gaga. (AP)



Now Playing

ADAM (PG-13, 97 minutes) Beth (Rose Byrne), just out of a disastrous relationship, has moved into a new apartment, and she's interested in the cute guy on the second floor (Hugh Dancy). Adam has Asperger's syndrome, which renders him unable to empathize or to understand what other people are feeling. At its best, the film makes the viewer understand the frustration of living in a world in which everyone is a stranger. (DK)

THE COVE (PG-13, 92 minutes) If this film breaks out of the documentary circuit, it will be a major headache for the Japanese government, the dolphin fishing industry and the small Japanese town of Taiji,



HEAD HONCHO: Brad Pitt looks over his recruits in Quentin Tarantino's revisionist WWII history flick "Inglourious Basterds."

where every September dolphins are killed by the thousands. The slaughter is part of a traditional fishing culture, according to the Japanese. But if you succumb to the emotional appeal of this documentary, that culture emerges as not just a bloody and brutal business but almost as bad as genocide. PHILIP KENNICOTT

DISTRICT 9 (R, 112 minutes) The poison that permeates this phenomenal film is the same toxin that defined so much of 20th-century history: the oppression of the Other — in this case, scaly aliens with feelers for faces, a jones for canned cat food and a mother ship that has been hovering over Johannesburg for 20 years. The underlying gravitas of the story, in which aliens are warehoused in camps and used for gruesome experiments, keeps director Neill Blomkamp's film smart, even as the aliens are turning their pursuers into Heinz 57 Sauce. As the craven corporate tool Wikus van de Merwe, acting new-

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comer Sharlto Copley is nothing short of revelatory. Wikus is assigned to move the aliens from their ramshackle township to tent cities that are, in fact, concentration camps. The aliens are hard to like, but we like them, just as we end up liking Wikus and rooting for the demise of Greater Human Civilization. (JA)

(500) DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13, 95 minutes) This romance understands that we mark our lives by our scrapes and defeats with love rather than by the white wedding-cake successes. It's a drama that, at first blush, would seem excruciatingly ordinary: the 500-day affair between Tom, who believes wholeheartedly in love, and Summer, who isn't sure about love at all. What makes us connect is Tom's funny, morose and ironic commentary as he does his damndest to reach the heart of a woman whose idea of lover and friend is, well, confusing. (DT)

FOOD, INC. (PG, 94 minutes) This absorbing look behind the curtain of the cynical and often sickening workings of the modern industrial food system does a superb job of making its case that our current food ways are drastically out of whack. The film deftly demonstrates how issues such as illegal immigration, public health and intellectual property law intersect at the largely hidden nexus of Big Meat. (AH)

FUNNY PEOPLE (R, 145 minutes) As the film opens, comic superstar George Simmons (Adam Sandler) gets the news that he is suffering from a probably fatal form of leukemia. Meanwhile, Ira Wright (Seth Rogen) works the unpaid L.A. comedy club circuit by night. George catches Ira's act and asks him to be his writing assistant and, it turns out, one-man entourage. Writer-director Judd Apatow's alert, crude and compassionate film takes digressive, thoroughly unexpected turns as George takes stock of his life. (AH)

G.I. JOE (PG-13, 118 minutes) Stephen Sommers' film is the loudest, flashiest, silliest and longest blockbuster in a summer full of long, silly, flashy, loud blockbusters. As far as plot goes, the crack commando team of G.I. Joes encounter an evil weapons dealer, a mad scientist, nanobots with a taste for 19th-century Parisian landmarks, a funny black guy, a couple of unconvincing romances and a girl who's been brainwashed into becoming a lethal killing machine. (DK)

THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R, 89 minutes) This sloppy compendium of filthy jokes and lowbrow sight gags is brought to us by producers Will Ferrell

and Adam McKay. Granted, there are laughs to be had in this film, which features Ferrell in two of the funniest scenes. But most often they're cheap and easy, delivered with crude attempts at shock value. Jeremy Piven plays Don Ready, a car salesman who parachutes in when a dealership is in trouble. Ben Selleck (James Brolin), who must have a strong Fourth of July weekend or lose his business forever,

calls him in. Soon, Don's prime motivation becomes impressing Selleck's comely daughter, Ivy (Jordana Spiro). Rooting for him to fail is Ivy's dweeb fiancé, Paxton (Ed Helms), who sells foreign cars and leads a boy band called Big Ups. But the vehicle barely makes it to the finish line, wheezing and sputtering like one of Selleck's clunkers. (AH)

HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD

PRINCE (PG, 153 minutes) Love potions, common-room snogging, adolescent heartbreak. It's hard to blame the film's screenwriter, Steve Kloves, or director, David Yates, for focusing on the romance. After all, as young-adult adventures go, the sixth book in the "Harry Potter" series is awfully light on the adventure. (DK)

THE HURT LOCKER (R, 130 minutes) Kathryn Bigelow's captivating, complete-

ly immersive action thriller is set in Iraq in 2004, but it transcends time and place, and in the process attains something universal and enduring. Viewers are plunged into the disorienting world of the soldiers who disarm what Americans have come to know as IEDs, or roadside bombs, neither of which does full justice to the carnage they inflict. (AH)

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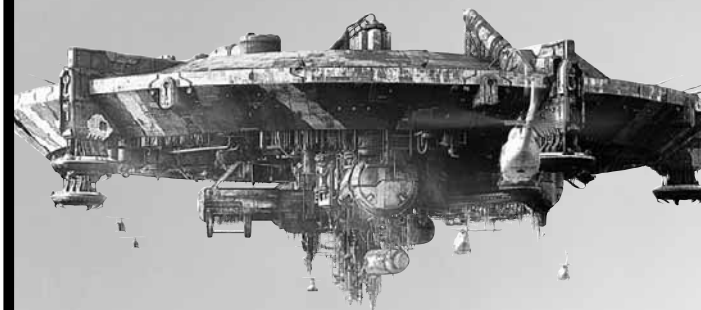
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INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS (R, 151 minutes) Quentin Tarantino manages to simultaneously surprise and revert to form in this film. The surprise lies in his choice of period and subject matter. Set in France dur-

ing World War II, the film tells the fictionalized story of a special squad of American Jews whose mission to kill and capture German soldiers was uniquely practical and symbolic. But from the admittedly breathtaking opening sequence, the film isn't about history or war, or people and their problems, or anything of substance or meaning. It's a movie about other movies. Brad Pitt stars as Lt. Aldo Raine, who

early in the movie is shown assembling a group of Jewish soldiers whose mission is to do "one thing and one thing only: to kill Nazis." Pitt's character ends his speech by announcing that he's part Apache and as such will insist that each of his men — the titular IBs — owes him "one hunnert Nattzie scalps." Because it's Tarantino, viewers can rest assured that we'll see those scalps being taken. If only the Allies

had Tarantino on their side, he could have made Hitler's head explode. As it happens, they must instead settle on having their actions and exploits extruded through his own bizarre sense of cruelty, spectacle and talky, postmodern irony. (AH)

JULIE AND JULIA (PG, 118 minutes) Two movies battle for pride of place in Nora Ephron's adaptation of memoirs by blogger Julie Powell and culinary legend

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Rodrigo Santoro and Alexis Bledel get their flirt on in the film "Post Grad."

Julia Child. Either way, Powell's whiny, sad-sack self-absorption is no match for Child's spirit, strength of character and joie de vivre, a fact made painfully clear in a movie that soars whenever Child (Meryl Streep) is on the screen and sags when Powell shows up. (AH)

PAPER HEART (PG-13, 88 minutes) Something cold and calculating beats at the center of this ingratiating, mostly mock documentary by comedian and actress Charlyne Yi ("Knocked Up"). A shy, bespectacled tomboy, Yi announces at the beginning of the movie that she doesn't believe in love, then sets off with a film crew across the American South to interview real-life couples about their relationships. The faux naive really begins to grate when Yi "meets" actor Michael Cera and they embark on what purports to be their real-life relationship but is really a coy, fictionalized version thereof. (AH)

PONYO (G, 100 minutes) You might think Japanese director Hayao Miyazaki's new animated film is the anti-"Up." That recent Disney/Pixar smash was about the joys of soaring into the clouds; "Ponyo" makes its home in the sea. What do the two movies have in common, besides a Disney logo? They're both masterpieces. Ponyo, a magical goldfish (voiced by Noah Cyrus, sister of Miley), is the daughter of Fujimoto (Liam Neeson), a god of the sea. On a trip to the surface, Ponyo encounters 5-year-old Sosuke (Frankie Jonas, younger brother of the musical Jonases), who is bereft when Fujimoto snatches his daughter back. When a determined Ponyo returns to Sosuke, waves inundate Sosuke's entire island. It isn't Miyazaki's greatest film, but this beautiful, quirky fable is a labor of love. (DK)

POST GRAD (PG-13, 89 minutes) An uneasy mix of family comedy, 20-some-

thing romance and zeitgeisty recession horror story, "Post Grad" explores the fate of the Class of 2009 — those fragile grads released, useless diplomas in hand, into the harsh economy. Alexis Bledel plays Ryden Malby, a go-getter whose life plan seems on track when she snags an interview at a big publishing house. But when she doesn't get the job, she's forced to move back to the suburbs with her odd-

ball family. Those oddballs are played by world-class oddballs Michael Keaton, Jane Lynch and Carol Burnett. They do their best to inject life into the film's unexceptional comic set pieces, vigorously shaking a few big laughs out of Kelly Fremon's screenplay. (DK)

THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13, 107 minutes) In German director Robert Schwentke's adaptation of Audrey

Niffenegger's novel, the lovely Rachel McAdams, as Clare, returns to the genre of her most-beloved movie, "The Notebook." Here, her true love, Henry (Eric Bana), is afflicted by a "rare" (i.e., ridiculous) genetic abnormality that causes him to abruptly leave the present tense for eras unknown, returning who knows when and in what kind of shape. It's the kind of mutant disorder that makes a committed relation-

ship an impossibility: Tell him to take out the garbage and he ends up in the '60s. But what's more romantic than the concept of waiting? (JA)



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Indie it-kids The Hold Steady are in town to play the Virgin Mobile FreeFest anyway. But if you don't have the means to make it to Maryland or you didn't get the free tickets before they sold out, you can catch their show at the 9:30 Club. The tunes will make you want to dance, sure. But take some time to listen to frontman Craig Finn's lyrics. They're some of the best in the business. f.z.

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Compiled by Express' Fiona Zublin. Read more of our picks every day at Expressnightout.com/topstops.

2 Shakespeare Is Priceless

D.C. understands that you're not really a city until you have free Shakespeare plays in the summer. They used to be held in the park until someone realized that air conditioning is an amazing invention and the shows were moved indoors. This summer, you can see "The Taming of the Shrew" in a reprise of the Shakespeare Theatre's acclaimed 2007 production. For your oh-so-free tickets, hit up the box office two hours before showtime. f.z.

→ Sidney Harman Hall, 610 F St. NW; through Sept. 12, free; 202-547-1122, Shakespearedc.com. (Gallery Place)

3 Feed Your Inner Child

A lot of us find the singles scene infantilizing, but sometimes even the worst concepts can be put to good use. Enter Recess, a weekly game night that takes D.C.'s full-to-bursting 21+ singles scene and crosses it with all our favorite childhood games, from pool to Monopoly to Candyland. Basically anything you played as a kid is available here. You don't have to be single to show up, of course. But it's a great meet-cute story. f.z.

→ Aloft, 156 Waterfront St., Oxon Hill; Sat., 7 p.m.-11 p.m., \$10; 202-498-9621.

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ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13
Rockville Town Center 800-FANDANGO 248#
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HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 250 520) 800 1040
TAKING WOODSTOCK (R) - ID REQ'D (100 400) 710 1000
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1210 230 330) 600 700 930 1030
SHORTS (PG) (110 PM 350 PM) 630 PM
OC: THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (420 PM) 730 PM 1005 PM
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G-FORCE (PG) (1250 PM 320 PM) 620 PM
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) 900 PM
POST GRAD (PG-13) 845 PM 1100 PM
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D 920 PM 1145 PM
GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#
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(130 415) 730 1000
HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (230 520) 830 1045
TAKING WOODSTOCK (R) - ID REQ'D (200 515) 800 1040
POST GRAD (PG-13) (145 445) 745 1030
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1245 140 400 500) 715 815 1030
SHORTS (PG) (115 345) 645 915
OC: THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (430 PM) 700 PM 950 PM
OC: THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (120 PM)
PONYO (G) (1250 PM 330 PM) 640 PM
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (215 450) 740 1020
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (100 350) 650 940
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (110 420) 720 1010
G-FORCE (PG) (150 410) 630 900
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D 920 PM
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (220 PM) 630 PM
UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9151 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#
TAKING WOODSTOCK (R) - ID REQ'D (125 410) 715 1015
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP (R) - ID REQ'D (130 335 540) 800 1005
HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1255 320 545) 815 1040
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - EVENT PRICING (R) - ID REQ'D ★
(100 305 510) 730 935
POST GRAD (PG-13) 1045 PM
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (115 215 430) 630 745 945
SHORTS (PG) (105 315 530) 740
OC: THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (145 PM)
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (120 PM)
PONYO (G) (135 400) 705 930
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (200 450) 725 950 1030
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (420 PM) 650 PM 920 PM
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (120 405) 700 955
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (150 440) 720 1010
G-FORCE (PG) (110 325 535) 755
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1255 PM 415 PM) 735 PM

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900 Ellsworth Dr. Silver Spring, MD 240-393-4826
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - EVENT PRICING (R) - ID REQ'D ★
(1230 235 440) 645 745 850 1005 1105
RW: FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP (R) - ID REQ'D (1125 130 410) 715 930
HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1120 100 210 325 450 550) 725 815 950 1040
TAKING WOODSTOCK (R) - ID REQ'D (1155 245 530) 820 1100
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1130 120 210 315 435) 605 730 840 1000 1115
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 215 425) 635 855 1110
SHORTS (PG) (1210 PM 240 PM 500 PM)
POST GRAD (PG-13) (1115 150 435) 710 940
RW: THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1255 320 545) 800 1020
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1105 125 355) 650 925
PONYO (G) (120 400) 700 955
THE ORPHAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1135 225 510) 810 1055
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (715 PM 945 PM)
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1250 PM 310 PM 520 PM)
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (105 420) 735 1045
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 305 540) 805 1025
ROYALE STADIUM 14
6505 America Blvd. Hyattsville, MD 301-864-3456
HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (130 205 400 440) 645 715 930 1000
RW: FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP (R) - ID REQ'D (1115 330 535) 740 1015
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP (R) - ID REQ'D (145 410) 655 915
TAKING WOODSTOCK (R) - ID REQ'D (130 410) 710 955
POST GRAD (PG-13) 1005 PM
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 200 415 530) 730 900
SHORTS (PG) (135 PM 355 PM) 650 PM
RW: THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (110 420) 700 935
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (120 350) 640 920
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (150 340) 720 1010
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (125 420) 705 950
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (105 345) 745 1040
THE ORPHAN (R) - ID REQ'D (155 445) 735 1020
G-FORCE (PG) (110 320 540) 750
BETHESDA 10
1717 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 655#
HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (240 525) 750 1015
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP (R) - ID REQ'D (210 410) 610 810 1010
POST GRAD (PG-13) (115 PM 350 PM)
SHORTS (PG) (100 305 510) 720 930
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (110 420) 700 935
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (200 455) 730 1005
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (140 430) 715 1000
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (130 440) 740 1020
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D 650 PM 955 PM
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (200 PM 515 PM) 830 PM
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D 710 PM 945 PM
BOWIE STADIUM 14
15400 Montgomery Avenue 800-FANDANGO 454#
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - EVENT PRICING (R) - ID REQ'D ★
(1100 100 300 500) 700 900 1100
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 200 400) 600 800 1000
HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 1240 230 310 455 540) 730 810 1010 1040
POST GRAD (PG-13) 915 PM
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1105 1140 235 315) 610 645 930 955
SHORTS (PG) (1205 220 445) 705 925
PONYO (G) (1100 130 355) 640
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1135 210 450) 740 1015
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 225 515) 750 1035
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1110 150 430) 715 1005
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (1120 155 435) 745 1030
G-FORCE (PG) (1155 215 440) 650 910
THE ORPHAN (R) - ID REQ'D 710 PM 945 PM
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (105 PM 405 PM)

GALLERY PLACE STADIUM 14
701 Seventh St. NW 800-FANDANGO 1721#
HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 1245 220) 345 500 645 745 930 1030 1215
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - EVENT PRICING (R) - ID REQ'D ★
(1230 245 510) 730 1000 1220
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP (R) - ID REQ'D (1130 150) 410 630 915 1130
POST GRAD (PG-13) (1220 PM 240 PM) 530 PM
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1135 1215 150 255) 330 520 615 700 845 945 1020 1200
OC: THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1140 AM)
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D 920 PM 1145 PM
PONYO (G) (1150 210) 435 655
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (140) 430 715 810 965 1045 1220
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (215) 500 740 1025
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (100) 400 650 940 1225
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (130) 445 800 1040
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (1200 230) 450 710 935 1155
BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12
671 N Glebe Rd 800-FANDANGO 377#
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP (R) - ID REQ'D (210 430) 700 920
HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (225 505) 745 1035
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - EVENT PRICING (R) - ID REQ'D ★
(1250 310 530) 800 1020
POST GRAD (PG-13) (215 PM 450 PM)
SHORTS (PG) (150 415) 640 900
OC: THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1230 130 325 425) 620 720 910 1010
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 140 335 435) 630 730 930 1030
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1255 PM 410 PM) 750 PM
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (200 PM 445 PM)
G-FORCE (PG) (1225 PM 400 PM) 735 PM
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) 710 PM 955 PM
THE PROPOSAL (PG-13)
POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#
TAKING WOODSTOCK (R) - ID REQ'D (120 420) 740 1040
HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (110 210 350 450) 650 750 930 1030 1200
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - EVENT PRICING (R) - ID REQ'D ★
(1230 250 510) 730 1025
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP (R) - ID REQ'D (150 410) 630 850 1110
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1200 100 240 340 440) 610 710 810 940 1050 1145
SHORTS (PG) (200 PM 435 PM) 705 PM
POST GRAD (PG-13) (1250 PM)
OC: THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1150 AM 230 PM 520 PM)
PONYO (G) (1240 140 330 430) 620 720 910 1010 1155
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (345 PM) 640 PM 920 PM
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1255 400) 700 1000
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (115 415) 715 1015
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1145 AM 310 PM) 630 PM
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D 800 PM 1035 PM
KINGSTOWNE STADIUM 16
5910 Kingstowne Towne Center 703-822-4956
HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 245 515) 750 1020
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - EVENT PRICING (R) - ID REQ'D ★
(1200 210 415) 655 905
TAKING WOODSTOCK (R) - ID REQ'D (120 1245 130 315 410 500) 630 715 830 945 1030
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (120 1245 130 315 410 500) 630 715 830 945 1030
POST GRAD (PG-13) (120 PM 335 PM)
SHORTS (PG) (1215 225 445) 705 920
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1205 240 515) 645 750 925 1025
PONYO (G) (1230 PM 300 PM) 605 PM
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1240 330) 625 910
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1230 350) 700 950
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (125 420) 730 1015
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D 1030 PM
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1220 PM 345 PM) 710 PM
G-FORCE (PG) (1225 245 510) 735 955
RW: FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP (R) - ID REQ'D (100 305 520) 805 1010

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#
TAKING WOODSTOCK (R) - ID REQ'D (125 425) 725 1025
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - EVENT PRICING (R) - ID REQ'D ★
(110 330 530) 740 1020
HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 220 540) 710 930
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 PM 250 PM 510 PM)
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 210 310 430 540) 640 800 910 1010
SHORTS (PG) (1205 230 455) 715 940
OC: THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1225 PM)
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 245 520) 750 1020
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 320) 620 720 950 1015
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (305 PM) 610 PM 850 PM
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1250 355) 650 945
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (120 410) 700 950
G-FORCE (PG) (105 345) 615 840
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (150 435) 705 935
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (140 415) 655 925
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (120 325) 845 1005
ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS (PG) (130 PM 400 PM) 630 PM
THE PROPOSAL (PG-13) (1240 340) 635 915
FOX STADIUM 16
22875 Crawford Pkz. Ashburn, VA 703-957-1035
HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (230 500) 730 1010
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - EVENT PRICING (R) - ID REQ'D ★
(110 320 520) 740 1000
RW: FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP (R) - ID REQ'D (210 415) 620 830 1035
TAKING WOODSTOCK (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 420) 710 1000
POST GRAD (PG-13) (150 PM 430 PM)
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1230 140 345 510) 700 840 1015
SHORTS (PG) (125 410) 710 940
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (1235 310 440 545) 720 820 1030
RW: THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (240 520) 750 1020
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (120 350) 630 PM
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 315) 540 810
PONYO (G) (1245 315) 540 810
BANDSLAM (PG) (200 PM)
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1240 320) 610 910
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (130 410) 650 930
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D 715 PM 940 PM
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (220 PM) 600 PM
FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#
HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (140 430) 750 1020
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - EVENT PRICING (R) - ID REQ'D ★
(100 310 520) 740 1000
POST GRAD (PG-13) (130 350) 630 900
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (110 150 400 440) 640 730 930 1015
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (145 445) 720 950
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (125 410) 710 940
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (105 PM 435 PM) 800 PM
ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS (PG) (120 340) 700 920
MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#
HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 245 530) 800 1030
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP 3D - EVENT PRICING (R) - ID REQ'D ★
(125 415) 730 945
TAKING WOODSTOCK (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 PM 320 PM) 740 PM
FINAL DESTINATION: DEATH TRIP (R) - ID REQ'D (145 430) 645 900
POST GRAD (PG-13) 940 PM
INGLORIOUS BASTERDS (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1145 1230 300 345) 615 700 930 1015
SHORTS (PG) (130 440) 750 1040
PONYO (G) (1240 PM 320 PM) 740 PM
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1130 200 445) 715 1000
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (1140 215 500) 745 1045
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1220 315) 600 945
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (115 400) 640 920
G-FORCE (PG) (115 400) 640 920
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D 1010 PM
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1125 AM 250 PM) 610 PM

television **lookout**

Mystery Masterpiece

PBS' 'Inspector Lewis' is a refreshing change of pace for the genre

IMPORT | Viewers looking for some relief from the blood-splattered crime labs of the gadgety "CSI" franchise could do much worse than "Inspector Lewis, Series II," the British import featured on "Masterpiece Mystery!" (9 p.m., PBS, Sun.).

The resolutely unglamorous Kevin Whately returns as a the title character, a low-key gumshoe operating amidst the groves of academe in Oxford. He rarely meets a professor who doesn't seem slightly crazy, pompous, guilty or a combination of all three. His sidekick, detective Hathaway (Laurence Fox), tends to surprise condescending suspects with a knack for pulling the right quotation out of his hat.

In Sunday's series opener, "And



Kevin Whately, right, plays Inspector Lewis, an endearingly unglamorous detective.

the Moonbeams Kiss the Sea," an unlikely pair of Shelley-besotted book lovers end up thoroughly dead. The killings allow our detectives to interact with some daft professors and stoned stu-

dents, and affords Hathaway the chance to note that their novel case includes "a body in the library."

"Mystery!" will air "Lewis" episodes through Oct. 18. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

weekend lineup

ADVENTURE FOR THE EYES

The TV movie special **WIZARDS OF WAVERLY PLACE: THE MOVIE** (8 p.m., Disney, Fri.) features more than 350 special visual effects.

RIDICULOUS HILARITY

Ben Stiller, Robert Downey Jr. and Jack Black star in the 2008 movie-making parody **TROPIC THUNDER** (8 p.m., HBO, Fri.), featuring an inspired performance by Tom Cruise.

MR. 'SUPER SIZE ME'

Morgan Spurlock ("30 Days") hosts **CLASS ACT** (8 p.m., Saturday, Ovation), a film he also produced, about an eccentric high-school drama teacher from Miami.

HAIL TO THE KING

E! devotes the day to Michael



Michael Jackson is the sole focus of E!'s programming this Saturday.

Jackson on what would have been his 51st birthday. Programming includes **MICHAEL JACKSON: TRUE HOLLYWOOD STORY** (7 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., E!, Sat.) and **FORBES PRESENTS MICHAEL JACKSON: WHERE'S MY MONEY?** (10 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 10 p.m., E!, Sat.).

DIVERSE NEIGHBORHOOD

To map **THE HUMAN FAMILY TREE** (9 p.m., National Geographic, Sun.), scientists traveled to one of the most ethnically diverse places on the planet—Queens, N.Y.

GET THE WORDS FLOWING

Faced with writer's block, Peggy (Elisabeth Moss) and her team take an unorthodox approach on **MAD MEN** (10 p.m., AMC, Sun.).

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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movie showtimes

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(I) 11:15, 1:25, 3:30, 5:35, 7:45, 10:00
HALLOWEEN II (R)
(I) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45
INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS (R)
(I) 11:50, 3:00, 6:15, 9:30
SHORTS (PG)
(I) 11:15, 1:20, 3:30, 5:35, 7:40, 10:00
PONYO (G)
(I) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15
POST GRAD (PG-13)
11:20 AM
DISTRICT 9 (R)
11:50, 3:00, 6:15, 9:30
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13)
2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45
G.I. JOE: RISE OF COBRA (PG-13)
11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15

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(500) DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13)
1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:15
SHORTS (PG)
1:10, 3:10, 5:15, 7:25
PONYO (G)
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13)
9:25

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TAKING WOODSTOCK (R)
9:50, 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 8:00, 10:20
INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS (R)
10:05, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
ADAM (PG-13)
10:10, 12:15, 2:25, 4:50, 7:40, 9:40
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13)
9:45, 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10
(500) DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13)
10:00, 12:05, 2:10, 4:20, 7:20, 9:30
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13)
9:55, 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20

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3D PRESENTATION
12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:45, 10:30
HALLOWEEN II (R)
11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS (R)
12:15, 3:30, 6:50, 10:00
SHORTS (PG)
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WILL THERE EVER BE ANOTHER POLITICAL DYNASTY LIKE THE KENNEDYS?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

NO 74%
YES 26%

"We can only hope that some other individual or family will take up the mantle of the common man the same way the Kennedys did."

COMMENTER ARC NEON

"Sure, there already has been in the form of the Bushes. Only they got to keep the presidency for 12 years compared to less than three for the Kennedys."

COMMENTER PHILIMUS

"One can only hope that Rand Paul will be successful in his bid for Kentucky's Senate seat, continuing his father Ron's role as the Congressional champion of the Constitution."

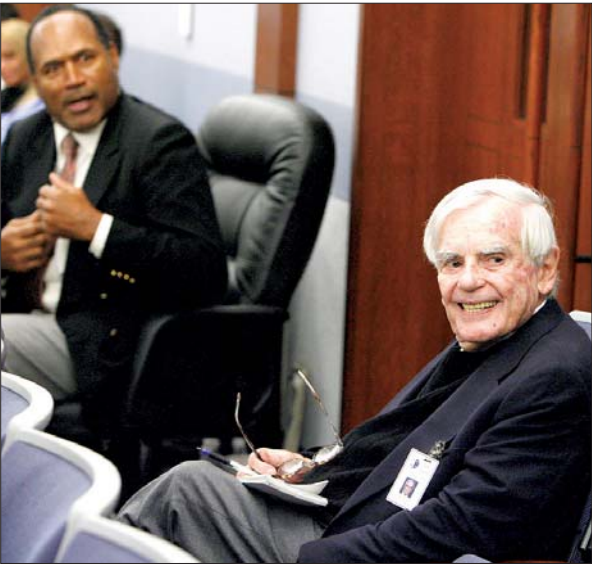
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UNSUCKDCMETRO.BLOGSPOT.COM WAS STUNNED TO LEARN THAT THE TRANSIT SYSTEM ACTUALLY CONSIDERED THE MOVE AT ALL, BACK IN 2006.



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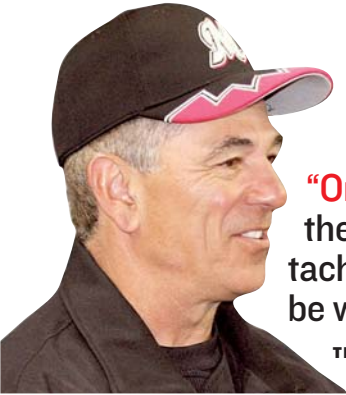
"TO ME, the majority of graffiti's 'art' is its guerrilla nature and fleeting existence. Legitimizing graffiti effectively neuters it."

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"Once after being ejected, he [returned] to the dugout with fake glasses, nose and moustache. A little humor and personality just might be what the Nationals need in a leader."

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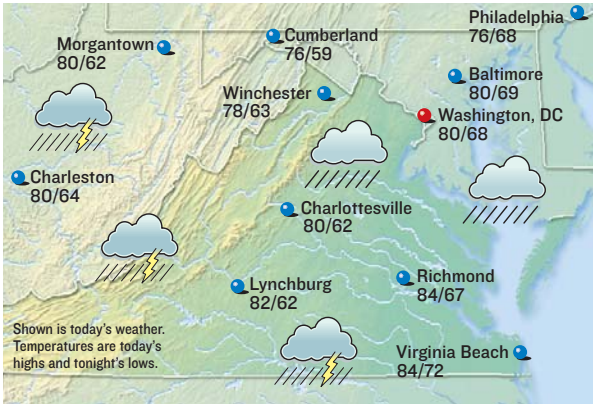
"THOUGH IT IS clearly illegal to use someone's name as a part of the decision-making process, it doesn't mean it isn't happening."

BLACKGIRLGROWN.COM REACTS TO A CNN STORY ABOUT RESUMES WITH "WHITE-SOUNDING NAMES" HAVING A HIGHER CHANCE OF RECEIVING CALLBACKS.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Rain, drizzle	Thunderstorm	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
80°	68°	86° / 70°	82° / 63°	76° / 62°	77° / 60°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.
Temperature
High 90°
Low 72°
Normal high 85°
Normal low 67°
Average humidity 54%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 2.31"
Normal month to date 2.97"
Year to date 26.51"
Last year to date 32.88"
Normal year to date 25.79"

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Regional Forecast

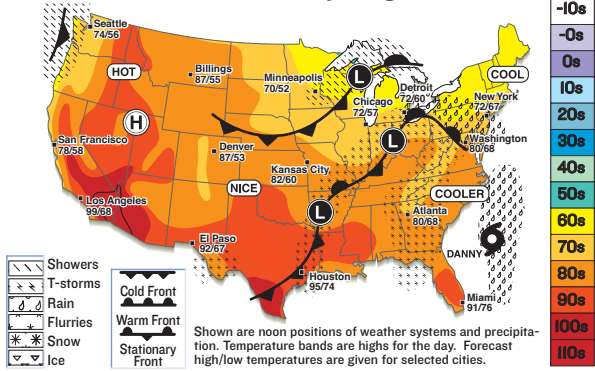
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy, rain, drizzle. High 80. Wind east-southeast 6-12 mph. Tonight, shower, thunderstorm. Low 68. Wind north 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:34 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:45 p.m.
Moonrise today 3:32 p.m.
Moonset today none



National Weather for Friday, August 28



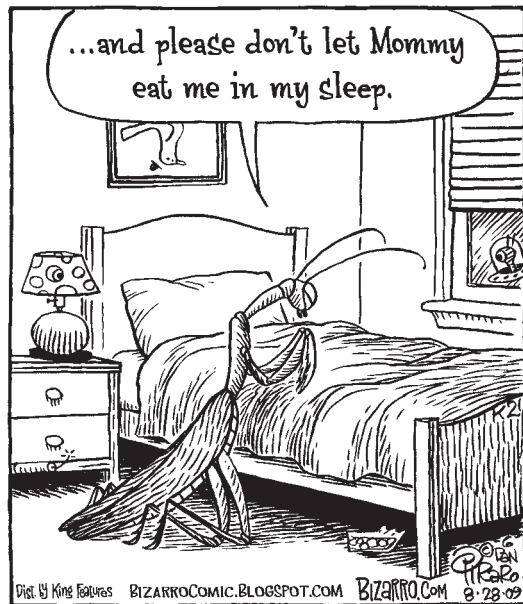
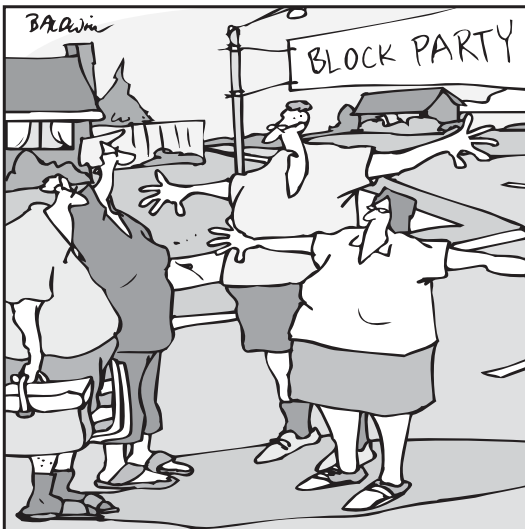
National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	80/68/t	86/67/t
Boston	70/61/s	66/60/r
Chicago	72/57/r	69/53/pc
Dallas	94/71/pc	93/70/s
Denver	87/53/s	84/52/pc
Honolulu	89/75/s	89/76/s
Los Angeles	99/68/s	96/66/pc
Miami	91/76/t	91/79/r
New York City	72/67/r	77/70/t
Orlando	92/75/t	92/75/t
Seattle	74/56/pc	72/56/pc

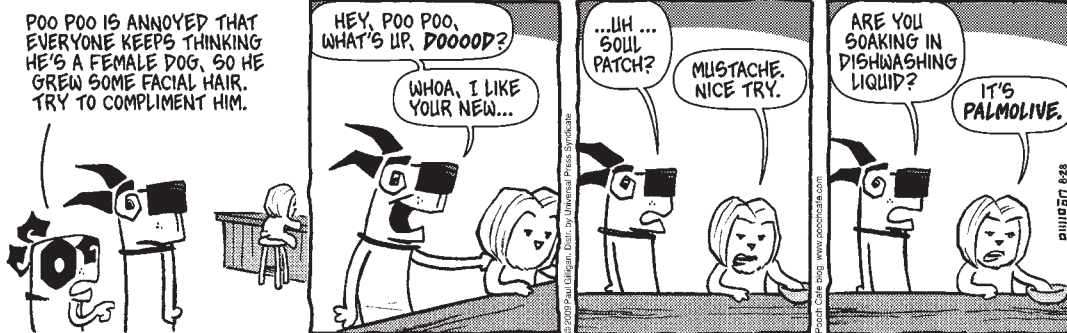
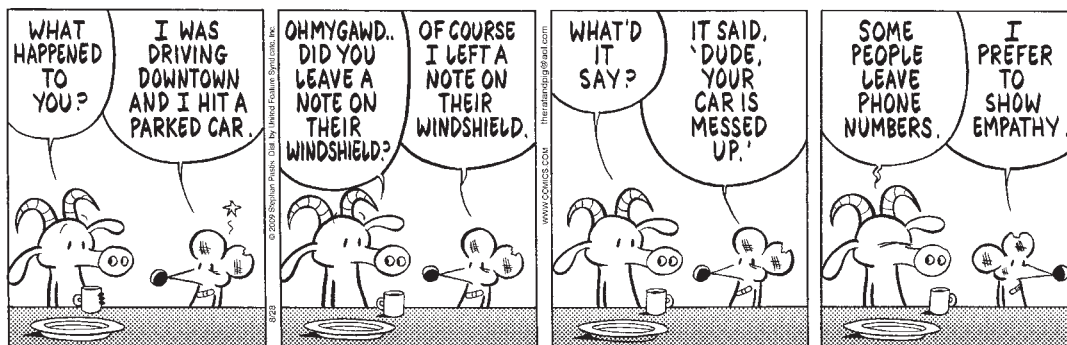
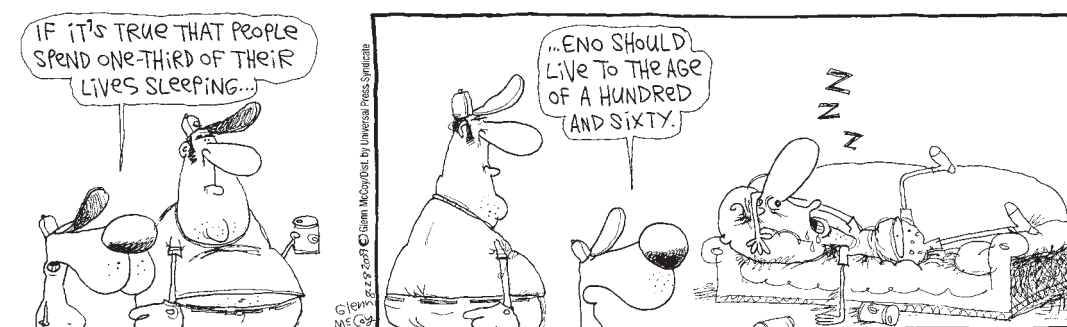
World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	66/54/r	65/52/sh
Athens	88/70/s	90/73/s
Berlin	78/55/pc	68/51/pc
Buenos Aires	81/64/s	82/66/s
Calgary	78/48/s	70/49/pc
Dublin	61/48/sh	63/50/pc
Geneva	81/52/pc	71/47/pc
Moscow	72/52/pc	68/50/pc
Rome	88/68/pc	90/68/pc
Sydney	75/49/s	81/51/pc
Tokyo	84/74/pc	79/72/r

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro**Cornered** | Mike Baldwin

"I'm Bob and this is my wife, Sue. Don't even think about trying to get past us."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan**Pearls Before Swine** | Stephan Pastis**The Duplex** | Glenn McCoy**Horoscope**

By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take care that you don't get so immersed in some kind of unusual game that you become addicted to it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may find that something unidentified is slowing you down at this time. The problem is that a search for the culprit slows you down even more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't let your temper prevent others from seeing the real you. Sure, things might get volatile, but you can get along with anyone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Things can turn on a dime, so you'll want to be ready for anything. A loved one may throw you a curve during the evening hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What goes in isn't likely to come out—that's how keen your memory is likely to be at this time. It'll prove valuable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The more you try to decide what is right, the more you are likely to get swept up in arguments that are not realistic.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Take care that you don't see so much potential in front of you that you think anything is possible. Overconfidence can be dangerous.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Money matters are at the forefront—again, or still, depending on your line of work. You get some good advice from an unusual source.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make sure that you approach each endeavor from a clear and organized starting point. You can't afford any sloppy mistakes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be feeling a little closed off and isolated at this time. When a friend approaches, don't make the mistake of turning away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Once you have announced your intentions, you're going to want to stay the course. Today, an obstacle may shake you up temporarily.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Once you're over the first hurdle, you can pick up the pace and lead the pack. Don't think the race is in the bag, however.

Today in History

1907 United Parcel Service has its beginnings as the American Messenger Company of Seattle.

1955 Emmett Till, a black teenager from Chicago, is abducted from his uncle's home in Money, Miss., by two white men after he had supposedly whistled at a white woman; he was found brutally slain three days later.

1963 Two hundred thousand people participate in a peaceful civil rights rally in Washington, D.C., where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

1968 Police and anti-war demonstrators clash in the streets of Chicago as the Democratic national convention nominates Hubert H. Humphrey for president.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., gives his "I Have a Dream" speech 46 years ago.

2008 Surrounded by an enormous, adoring crowd at Invesco Field in Denver, Barack Obama accepts the Democratic presidential nomination, promising what he called a clean break from the "broken politics in Washington and the failed policies of George W. Bush."

lookout people



If you were really into Broadway intrigue and scandal, this would interest you.

FISH
Health Scare Ruled Not Just a Creative Excuse

A professional arbiter has ruled **JEREMY PIVEN** did not breach his contract with the Broadway producers of "Speed-the-Plow" when the actor abruptly left the play in December. At the time, Piven said he was ill from mercury poisoning after eating too much fish. (AP)

CHARITY
Star Gives Back to World That Created Her

KIM KARDASHIAN is creating and producing a reality show about two public relations professionals, People.com reported. "It'll show all the ins-and-outs or PR. It's going to be really fun," she said. "It'll show how there's lots of drama and crisis in the PR world." (AP)

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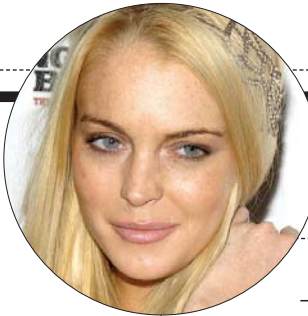
Find the latest celebrity news and photo evidence of stars' sordid lives at www.expressnightout.com.



EXPLANATIONS
Sure, Blame the Dentist

Wisdom tooth surgery, travel and preparation for her new show combined to drive **MISCHA BARTON** into a psychiatric hospital last month. "I went through a tough spot where everything compounded on me, and it was like a perfect storm, like everything was happening to me at once," she told Time Out New York. "Now I feel really in control." (EXPRESS)

LOGIC
Why Lock a Door When You Can Tape People Robbing You?
Police are looking for three suspects in the burglary of **LINDSAY LOHAN's** home. Security footage showed the thieves, faces covered, walking through a gate at Lohan's home at around 1:10 a.m. Sunday. Detectives believe the suspects — one male and two



Security cameras work great for keeping thieves out.
females, 18 to 25 — entered the house through an unlocked door. Lohan's spokeswoman said many "personal belongings were taken without remorse." Lohan posted on Twitter she didn't think it was a robbery because "things that a certain old friend knew meant a lot to me" were taken. (AP)



What's a Madonna show without something to make the Pope blush?

UNUSUAL
Normally, Madonna Sticks To Offending Catholics
Romanian fans jeered **MADONNA's** condemnation of widespread discrimination against Roma, or Gypsies, in Bucharest Wednesday night. "It has been brought to my attention ... that there is a lot of discrimination against Romanies and Gypsies in general in Eastern Europe," she said. "It made me feel very sad." (AP)

REFRESHING
Celebrity in Car Caught for Something Other Than DUI
SHAQUILLE O'NEAL has gotten a ticket for stopping his car in a Hollywood street. Los Angeles police say officers spotted O'Neal's pickup truck shortly before 2 a.m. Thursday. O'Neal was cited for impeding the reasonable movement of traffic and allowed to drive off. (AP)



Impeding the reasonable movement of traffic is such a nice, wholesome crime.

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ACROSS

1 "Fiddlesticks!"
 5 Checks out the merchandise?
 10 Aussie gem
 14 You'll get a hand for it
 15 Ape in Disney's "The Jungle Book"
 16 Cantina crock
 17 ___-friendly
 18 Young business partner?
 19 Ax handle
 20 In a servile manner
 23 Legislative act
 24 "That's What Friends Are For" co-writer Carole Bayer
 27 Agitated condition
 28 Unit of electrical charge
 32 X, in Athens
 34 Jabber
 35 "Others" in a Latin phrase
 36 Fume hood site
 39 Get tangled
 42 Shots from the foul line (Abbr.)
 43 "___ want for Christmas ..."

45 252 wine gallons

46 Soak (up), as gravy
 48 One-down four-up card game
 51 Table expander
 54 "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" refrain
 55 Beehive protector
 58 What a cornered criminal has?
 62 "Pease porridge in ___..."
 64 Joe Cocker's "You ___ Beautiful"
 65 Partner in an old radio comedy duo
 66 "Babalu" singer
 67 Capital of South Korea
 68 Auto store buy
 69 On ___ (without assurance of payment)
 70 Thigh-covering armor
 71 Do in, as a dragon

DOWN

1 Data transfer measures
 2 First signs

3 Tennis great
 Edberg
 4 Excommunication candidate
 5 "Wintry mix" stuff
 6 Eyeball coat
 7 Bee, to Andy Taylor
 8 Decree ___ (legal term)
 9 ___ new world record
 10 "Hubba hubba!"
 11 Emulate Tiger Woods
 12 The Tanners' alien houseguest
 13 Opposite of long.
 21 Buzzi and Westheimer
 22 The Tigers of the SEC
 25 Discharge, as light
 26 Triple Crown category, in baseball
 29 Gabriel of "The Usual Suspects"
 30 Ripken of the diamond
 31 Any symphony
 33 Word with "each

life" or "thin air"
 36 Do some high-tech surgery
 37 Prefix meaning "high"
 38 Prudish person
 40 Arctic diving bird
 41 Dr. Salk's conquest
 44 Asinine
 47 "Could be"
 49 "___ Goes the Weasel"
 50 Monkey used in research

52 "20 Questions" category
 53 Felt on the head?
 56 Cornmeal mush
 57 Easily annoyed
 59 Farthest from first
 60 Word with "staging" or "wilderness"
 61 Fortune readers?
 62 Billboard displays
 63 ___ rally (school event)

Yesterday's Solution

1	G	A	L	L	5	F	O	R	M	A	10	S	A	N	13
14	O	L	I	O	15	A	M	O	N	G	16	L	I	E	U
17	D	E	M	O	18	R	E	I	G	N	19	A	D	A	M
20	C	O	P	21	S	A	N	D	R	O	22	B	E	R	S
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27	A	R	O	B	28	B	A	T	T	29	L	A	B		
30	I	R	O	N	31	L	O	C	I	32	P	O	S	E	
33	S	M	A	L	L	34	T	I	M	E	C	R	O	O	K
35	C	O	S	Y	36	O	R	B	S	37	O	N	S	E	T
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EDITED BY TIMOTHY E. PARKER

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SAMURAI SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

6	3	5	7	8	9	2	4	1
2	7	9	1	4	6	5	8	3
4	8	1	2	3	5	7	9	6
9	5	3	8	6	7	4	1	2
8	4	2	5	9	1	6	3	7
7	1	6	3	2	4	9	5	8
3	9	7	4	1	2	8	6	5
5	6	8	9	7	3	1	2	4
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2	1	3	8	5	4	9	7	6
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CLASSIC SUDOKU | HARD

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Yesterday's Solution

7	6	4	1	8	2	9	3	5
1	9	5	6	4	3	8	7	2
3	2	8	9	7	5	6	4	1
8	4	2	5	1	6	3	9	7
6	3	9	7	2	8	5	1	4
5	1	7	4	3	9	2	8	6
4	5	3	8	6	7	1	2	9
9	8	1	2	5	4	7	6	3
2	7	6	3	9	1	4	5	8

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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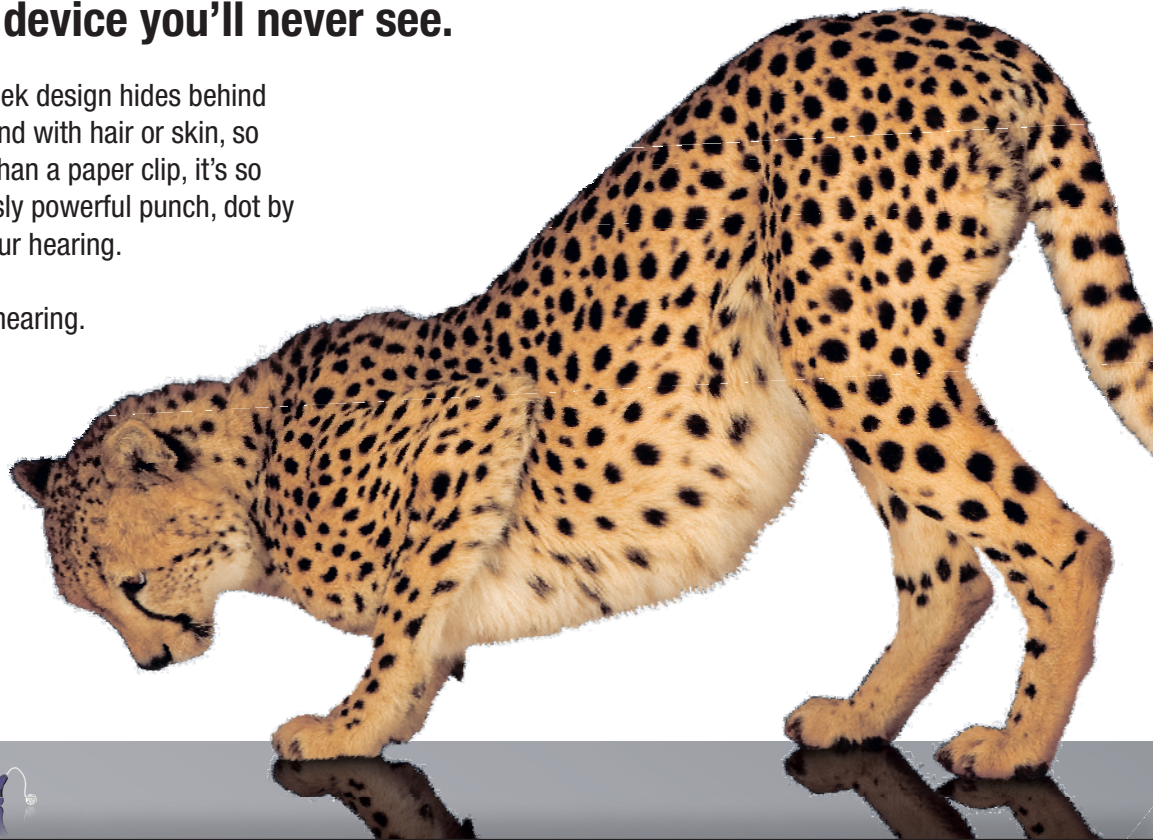
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